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### WORLD NEWS

#### PAROLE REVOKED



U.S. activist Lori Berenson attends her hearing at court in Lima, Peru, Monday Aug. 16, 2010. Berenson, from New York, addressed a criminal appeals court as prosecutors called for her parole to be revoked and for her to be sent back to prison to finish her 20-year sentence for aiding the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement.

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### SPORTS NEWS

#### HE'S BA-A-C-K!



Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brett Favre throws a pass during NFL football training camp, Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010 in Eden Prairie, Minn. After staying away from training camp, Favre was practicing less than 24 hours after the team sent three of his closest friends to Mississippi to bring him back following another summer of indecision.

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In this Aug. 14, 2010 photo, U.S. Army soldiers from C Co., 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division gather for a formation before driving from Iraq to Kuwait. The soldiers are the last combat brigade to leave Iraq as part of the drawdown of U.S. forces.

*Associated Press*

## Goodbye Iraq: Last U.S. combat brigade heads home

REBECCA SANTANA

Associated Press Writer

KHABARI CROSSING, Kuwait (AP) — As their convoy reached the barbed wire at the border crossing out of Iraq on Wednesday, the soldiers whooped and cheered. Then they scrambled out of their stifling hot armored vehicles, unfurled an American flag and posed for group photos.

For these troops of the 4th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, it was a moment of relief fraught with symbolism. Seven years and five months after the U.S.-led invasion, the last American combat brigade was leaving Iraq, well ahead of President Barack Obama's Aug. 31 deadline for ending U.S. combat operations there. When 18-year-old Spc. Luke Dill first rolled into Iraq as part of the U.S. invasion, his Humvee was so vulnerable to bombs that the troops lined its floor with flak jackets.

Now 25 and a staff sergeant after two tours of duty, he

rode out of Iraq this week in a Stryker, an eight-wheeled behemoth encrusted with armor and add-ons to ward off grenades and other projectiles.

"It's something I'm going to be proud of for the rest of my life — the fact that I came in on the initial push and now I'm leaving with the last of the combat units," he said.

He remembered three straight days of mortar attacks outside the city of Najaf in 2003, so noisy that after the firing ended, the silence kept him awake at nights. He recalled the night skies over the northern city of Mosul being lit up by tracer bullets from almost every direction.

Now, waiting for him back in Olympia, Wash., is the "Big Boy" Harley-Davidson he purchased from one of the motorcycle company's dealerships at U.S. bases in Iraq — a vivid illustration of how embedded the American presence has become since the invasion of March 20, 2003.

That presence is far from over. Scatterings of combat troops still await departure, and some 50,000 will stay another year in what is designated as a noncombat role. They will carry weapons to defend themselves and accompany Iraqi troops on missions (but only if asked). Special forces will continue to help Iraqis hunt for terrorists.

So the U.S. death toll — at least 4,415 by Pentagon count as of Wednesday — may not yet be final.

The Stryker brigade, named for the vehicle that delivers troops into and out of battle, has lost 34 troops in Iraq.

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The site of a proposed mosque on Park Place is seen in lower Manhattan in New York, Monday, Aug. 16, 2010.

*Associated Press*

## Some Muslims question mosque near ground zero

RACHEL ZOLL

AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — American Muslims who support the proposed mosque and Islamic center near ground zero are facing skeptics within their own faith — those who argue that the project is insensitive to Sept. 11 victims and needlessly provocative at a time when Muslims are pressing for wider acceptance in the U.S. Abdul Cader Asmal, past president of the Islamic Council of New England, an umbrella group for more than 15 Islamic centers, said some opponents of the \$100 million, 13-story project are indeed anti-Muslim.

But he said many Americans have genuine, understandable questions about Islam and extremism.

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# U.S. spending \$16,000 for imam's Mideast tour



This May 25, 2010, file photo shows Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, executive director of the Cordoba Initiative, addressing a gathering as groups planning a proposed Islamic center, including a mosque, two blocks from the World Trade Center site to be named Cordoba House showed and spoke about their plans for the center at a community board meeting in New York. The New York imam and his proposed mosque near ground zero are being swiftly demonized by some campaigning Republicans, without regard to facts like these: Islam is already very much a part of the World Trade Center neighborhood.

MATTHEW LEE,  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — American taxpayers will pay the imam behind plans for a mosque near the Manhattan site of the Sept. 11 attacks \$3,000 in

fees for a three-nation outreach trip to the Middle East that will cost roughly \$16,000, the State Department said Wednesday. The department said Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf will get a daily \$200 honorarium for the 15-day

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tour to Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, which is intended to promote religious tolerance. Airfare is included, as well as the standard federal government per diem for expenses and lodging in each of the cities he will visit, spokesman P.J. Crowley said. Those per diem rates range from nearly \$400 to nearly \$500, according to official documents.

The imam's organization, The Cordoba Initiative, referred questions on the matter to the State Department.

Rauf starts his tour Thursday in Bahrain and ends it in the United Arab Emirates Sept. 2. At each stop he is expected to discuss Muslim life in America and promote religious tolerance. He will not be allowed to raise funds for the mosque on the trip, Crowley said.

"We have had conversations with the imam to make sure he understands that during these kinds of trips, he's not to engage in any personal business," Crowley told reporters. "He understands that completely."

"We value his participation as a religious figure here in the United States who can help people overseas understand the role that religion plays in our society," he said.

Rauf's tour has drawn attention because of his plans to build an Islamic center in lower Manhattan near the site where Arab terrorists attacked the World Trade Center. Foes of the project say it is insensitive and disrespectful to the victims of Sept. 11 and their families. The debate has become politicized ahead of November's congressional elections.

Crowley said this will be Rauf's fourth U.S.-government sponsored trip under a program run by the State Department's Bureau of International Information Programs. Earlier, the State Department had said it was his third trip. Crowley said Rauf had traveled twice to the Middle East in 2007 during the Bush administration and once earlier this year. On his upcoming trip, Rauf will be in Manama, Bahrain, from Thursday until Monday; Doha, Qatar, from Aug. 24 to Aug. 27 and in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates from Aug. 28 to Sept. 2. The published maximum per diem rate for U.S. government employees in Manama is \$396, in Doha it is \$341, and in Abu Dhabi it is \$496. □



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# GROUND ZERO

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“For most Americans, 9/11 remains as an open wound, and anything associated with Islam, even for Americans who want to understand Islam — to have an Islamic center with so much publicity is like rubbing salt in open wounds,” said Akbar Ahmed, professor of Islamic studies at American University, a former Pakistani ambassador to Britain and author of “Journey Into America, The Challenge of Islam.” He said the space should include a synagogue and a church so it will truly be interfaith.

In light of those fears, and the opposition of many relatives of 9/11 victims, Asmal said organizers should dramatically scale back the project to just a simple mosque, despite their legal right to construct what they want.

“Winning in the court of law is not going to help improve the image of Muslims nationwide,” said Asmal, a Massachusetts physician. “You have to win the hearts and minds of the ordinary American people,” The project has touched off a national debate over religious tolerance, American ideals and the still-fresh pain of the terrorist attacks. The center’s leaders, Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, and his wife, Daisy Khan, have a long record of interfaith outreach in New York and beyond. They insist the center will be a voice for moderate Islam and will welcome people of all religions. Supporters are outraged that critics suspect the couple of an extremist agenda.

Asra Nomani, author of “Standing Alone: An American Woman’s Struggle for the Soul of Islam,” said she backs the idea of the mosque in principle but believes the feelings of families who lost loved ones in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks

should trump the plan.

“I haven’t been able to support the building of the mosque right there in the location they’ve got,” said Nomani, an advocate for women’s rights and tolerance in the Muslim world.

The developers for the project, called Park51, have modeled their plan on a YMCA and Jewish Community Center. The site, two blocks from where the World Trade Center stood, will include a pool, gym and 500-seat auditorium for cultural events for the general public, along with a mosque and a Sept. 11 memorial. Rauf is now traveling overseas on his latest speaking tour for the U.S. State Department.

Even among American Muslims who back the idea, there has been grumbling about what they consider the organizers’ public relations missteps. A plan to build what would essentially be a local city mosque has now turned into a national confrontation that is roiling Muslim communities nationwide. Rauf’s decision to remain overseas without making a statement on the controversy has also caused some frustration. Khan, and developer Sharif El-Gamal of SoHo Properties, which owns the building, have mostly been the public face of Park51.

“The total absence of Feisal Rauf has a ‘Where’s Waldo’ quality that is maddening in itself,” U.S. Muslim writer Aziz Poonawalla, who supports the center, told the blog ordinary-gentlemen.com. “I’m quite capable of defending Rauf against some of the accusations against him, but am not inclined to carry his water for him while he gallivants about the globe.”

Beyond misgivings about the location, some U.S. Muslims have raised concerns about what the mosque could become after Rauf and Khan retire and inevitably turn the center over

to new leadership. Like houses of worship in all faiths, Islamic centers can change over time depending on the worldviews of congregants and the imams who lead them.

Nomani said American Muslims have not fully confronted extremism in Islam, which makes her worried that any mosque has the potential to become a haven for those with rigid views.

“Yes, there is prejudice against Muslims in the modern day, but also Muslims in the modern day have an extremist problem,” Nomani said.

Tawfik Hamid, an Egyptian scholar and reformer who said he was once a member of a terrorist group, said he had a “conditional objection” to the proposed Islamic center.

He said it was not enough for Park51 leaders to call themselves moderate. Instead, they should “clearly and unambiguously” reject radicalization by opposing specific extremist practices, such as killing apostates, stoning women for adultery, calling Jews “pigs and monkeys” and “declaring war” on non-Muslims who refuse to convert.

“This, in my view, will be perceived by radicals in Islam as a defeat for their ideology,” said Hamid, senior fellow at the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies. “They think in a very primitive way. If they see a mosque near ground zero, this would certainly be perceived as a sign of victory for al-Qaeda. In the end, they will think, ‘They are bowing to us.’”

Few American Muslims who lost relatives in the terrorist strikes have spoken out, but those who have are also divided.

Talat Hamdani, a Muslim whose son Salman, a New York police cadet and emergency medical technician, was killed on Sept. 11, supports the



Construction workers take a lunch break from the World Trade Center site, Friday, Aug. 13, 2010 in New York. President Barack Obama on Friday will speak up for religious freedom at a dinner celebrating the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, emphasizing that point just as New York City is immersed in a deeply sensitive debate about whether a mosque should be built near ground zero.

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proposal. “I’m not fighting for a mosque. I’m fighting for my rights,” she said.

By contrast, Neda Bolourchi of Los Angeles, a native of Iran whose mother was on one of the planes that crashed into the World Trade Center, opposes the plan.

“I fear that over time, it will cultivate a fundamentalist

version of the Muslim faith, embracing those who share such beliefs and hating those who do not,” she wrote in a Washington Post op-ed. “To the supporters of this new Islamic cultural center, I must ask: Build your ideological monument somewhere else, far from my mother’s grave, and let her rest.”

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# CIA forms new center to combat nuclear arms, WMDs



In this Feb. 6, 2009, file photo Central Intelligence Agency Director nominee Leon Panetta testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington before the Senate Intelligence Committee in relation to his nomination. In a report published Tuesday, July 20, 2010, about a sprawling U.S. intelligence apparatus CIA Director Panetta said, "For too long, we've depended on contractors to do the operational work that ought to be done" by CIA employees. He said he was concerned that corporations owe more responsibility to their shareholders than to their country, "and that does present an inherent conflict."

*Associated Press*

**KIMBERLY DOZIER**  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The CIA is opening a counterproliferation center to combat the spread of dangerous weapons and technology, a move that comes as Iran is on the verge of fueling up a new nuclear power plant. CIA Director Leon Panetta said Wednesday that the new unit would place CIA operators side by side with the agency's analysts to

brainstorm plans to "confront the threat of weapons of mass destruction: nuclear, chemical and biological." The center would formalize the collaboration between the agency's analysts and operators, a close working relationship that CIA spokesman George Little said already has yielded intelligence successes. Little cited their work in last year's revelation of the "discovery of the Syrian covert nuclear reactor and

Iran's undeclared uranium enrichment facility near Qom." That Iranian city is the ideological center of Iran's Shiite Muslim rulers. Paul Brannan, a senior analyst at the Institute for Science and International Security, said another CIA success was the slowing down of Iran's nuclear centrifuge operations at Natanz. The agency, he said, sneaked "faulty parts

into Iran's nuclear supply chain."

That operation, Brannan said, "is an example of where you'd need both analysts to tell you what type of parts would Iran need that you could inject, and the operations side to work with trading companies to try to get the parts in there."

The CIA's new center goes into effect just as Iran's Bushehr power plant gets stocked with fuel rods provided by Russia. Uranium fuel will be loaded into the Bushehr reactor on Saturday, beginning a process that will last about a month and end with the reactor sending electricity to Iranian cities, Russian and Iranian officials said. Brannan said the Bushehr site is not a proliferation threat since Iran does not have the ability to reprocess the spent fuel into nuclear weapons-grade material. But that site will be watched closely not only by the CIA but by other elements of the intelligence community. The overall effort is led by the National Counterproliferation Center, which is under the Office of the intelligence director. One senior intelligence

official said that when the Bushehr plant goes operational, analysts at all the agencies will examine such aspects as radar and satellite images of the site separately, and then may share their observations over secure top-secret systems.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive issue of overlapping intelligence responsibilities.

They'll be watching for things like a heat signature on radar images or vapor leaving the cooling towers, which would indicate Bushehr is "hot," Brannan said. They also will be tracking, as much as they can from imagery, whether the Iranians "are trying to siphon anything off" the reactor to any of their other facilities, the intelligence official said. 550 feet.

The Iranians have been known to go to elaborate lengths to obscure their actions from view. The commercial satellite company GeoEye tracked Iran's Natanz nuclear facility over several years, which showed how the Iranians first built two large 550-by-550-foot chambers at ground level, and then buried the vast site. A second set of buildings, complete with landscaping, was then constructed nearby, apparently an attempt to appear to be the real facility, while the original construction has gone underground and is invisible from the sky. □

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# 7 sue California diocese over alleged sex abuse

JULIANA BARBASSA  
Associated Press Writer

OAKLAND, California (AP) — Six women and one man who alleged they were sexually abused by a Roman Catholic priest decades ago filed two separate lawsuits Wednesday alleging the Diocese of Oakland was negligent in hiring the priest and failed to warn parents of potential abuse.

The lawsuits, filed in Alameda County Superior Court, call into question how the diocese handled the case of the Rev. Stephen Kiesle, a priest who pleaded no contest to misdemeanor child molestation in 1978.

After his criminal case, Kiesle asked the Vatican to laicize him in a petition that was supported by diocese officials.

The Associated Press in April

obtained much of Kiesle's laicization file, including a letter that bears the signature of then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who is now Pope Benedict XVI. In the letter to diocese officials, Ratzinger said the arguments for removing Kiesle were of "grave significance," but added that such action required careful review and more time. Jeff Anderson, an attorney representing the plaintiffs, said then-Oakland bishop John C. Cummins and other church officials knew there were multiple allegations of abuse against Kiesle, and did nothing to prevent the priest from continuing to access children.

"They chose to keep secret — to not warn the parents of children, not tell police, not tell parishioners," said

Anderson. "They were more concerned with saving face and protecting their reputation than with the well-being of these children."

Mike Brown, spokesman for the diocese, said officials had not yet seen the lawsuits. He pointed out that after Kiesle pleaded no contest to the charges of abuse, the diocese did not allow him to function as a priest, offered him counseling, and eventually supported his laicization.

The Oakland diocese was among the earliest to develop programs to help those who came forward with charges of abuse, said Brown.

The lawsuits filed Wednesday do not name the Vatican as a defendant and address alleged abuse that happened, for the most part, before Kiesle's child molestation plea and



Teresa Rosson, center, holds up a photo of herself at age 11 as attorney Jeff Anderson, right, holds a photo of Stephen Kiesle at a news conference in Oakland, Calif., Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010. Also pictured is Lisa Crenshaw, left, and Kathleen McDermott Stonebraker. Stonebraker, Crenshaw, and Rosson are among the six women and one man who allege they were sexually abused by a Roman Catholic priest and have filed two separate lawsuits against the Diocese of Oakland. The lawsuits filed Wednesday claim that the diocese was negligent in hiring and supervising Stephen Kiesle and failed to warn parents.

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subsequent petition to be defrocked.

One of the plaintiffs, Teresa Rosson, alleges that Kiesle molested her for years, starting in 1973 when she was 11. The lawsuit was filed because church officials had reason to believe Kiesle was a danger to children and did not stop him, the 48-year-old said.

"He could have been stopped in 1968, in 1973, in 1978, but it went on and on," she said with tears in her eyes, her voice breaking. "He continued his abuse with me and with others. I had no protection."

The Associated Press usually does not name alleged victims of sexual assault, but Rosson identified herself at a news conference Wednesday to announce the lawsuit.

The diocese recommended removing Kiesle from the priesthood in 1981, the year Ratzinger was appointed to head the Vatican office that shared responsibility for disciplining abusive priests.



Imane Boudlal, center, a Muslim woman who works as a hostess at a Disneyland restaurant, is joined by her supporters during a news conference in Anaheim, Calif., Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010. Boudlal claims her employer sent her home without pay after she refused to remove her head scarf in front of customers.

Associated Press

GILLIAN FLACCUS  
Associated Press Writer

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — A Muslim woman who works as a hostess at a Disneyland restaurant alleged Wednesday the theme park would not allow her to appear in front of customers while wearing her head scarf.

Imane Boudlal, 26, appeared outside the resort's Grand Californian Hotel after filing a complaint with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

She said when she wore the hijab to work Sunday, her supervisors

## Muslim employee: Disney banned her head scarf

told her to remove it, work where customers couldn't see her, or go home.

Boudlal, who wore the scarf in observance of Ramadan, chose to go home but reported to work for the next two days and was told the same thing. Ramadan is the Islamic month of fasting.

"Miss Boudlal has effectively understood that they're not interested in accommodating her request either in timing or good faith," said Ameena Qazi, an attorney from the Council on American-Islamic Relations, who is consulting with Boudlal.

Disneyland spokeswoman Suzi Brown said Disney has a policy not to discriminate. The resort offered Boudlal a chance to work with the head covering away from customers while Disneyland tries to find a compromise that would allow Boudlal to cover her head in a way that fits with her hostess uniform, Brown said.

"Typically, somebody in an on-stage position like hers wouldn't wear something like that, that's not part of the costume," Brown said. "We were trying to accommodate her with a backstage position that would allow her to work. We gave her a couple of different options and she chose not to take those and to go home."

Boudlal, who is a native of Morocco, has worked at the Storyteller restaurant at the hotel for 2½ years but only realized she could wear her hijab to work after studying for her U.S. citizenship exam in June, Qazi said. □



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A column of U.S. Army Stryker armored vehicles cross the border from Iraq into Kuwait Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010. The U.S. Army's 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, part of the 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, are the last combat brigade to leave Iraq as part of the drawdown of U.S. forces.

### GOODBYE IRAQ

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province, an epicenter of the insurgency, during "the surge" of 2007. It evacuated troops at the battle of Tarmiyah, an outpost where 28 out of 34 soldiers were wounded holding off insurgents.

Before the Aug. 31 deadline, about half the brigade's 4,000 soldiers flew out like most of the others leaving Iraq, but its leadership volunteered to have the remainder depart overland. That decision allowed the unit to keep 360 Strykers in the country for an extra three weeks.

U.S. commanders say it was the brigade's idea, not an order from on high.

The intent was to keep additional firepower handy through the "period of angst" that followed Iraq's inconclusive March 7 election, said brigade chief, Col. John Norris.

It took months of preparation to move the troops and armor across more than 500 300 miles of desert highway through potentially hostile territory.

The Strykers left the Baghdad area in separate convoys over a four-day period, traveling at night because the U.S.-Iraq security pact — and security worries — limit troop movements by day.

Along the way, phalanxes of American military Humvees sat at overpasses, soldiers patrolled the highways for roadside bombs, and Apache attack helicopters circled overhead as the Strykers refueled alongside the highway.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gus McKinney, a brigade

intelligence officer, acknowledged that moving the convoys overland put soldiers at risk, but said the danger was less than in past. The biggest threat was roadside bombs planted by Shiite extremist groups who have a strong foothold in the south, McKinney said.

But except for camels straying into the road, and breakdowns that required some vehicles to be towed, there were no incidents.

The worst of the ride was conditions inside the Strykers — sitting for hours in a cramped space — and the temperatures outside that reached 120 Fahrenheit.

The driver's compartment is called the "hellhole" because it sits over the engine and becomes almost unbearably hot. The vehicle commander and gunner can sit up in hatches to see the outside world. At the tail end are hatches for two gunners. Eight passengers — an infantry squad in combat conditions — can squeeze in the back.

Riding as a passenger felt a bit like being in a World War II-era submarine — a tight fit and no windows. The air conditioning was switched off to save fuel on the long ride south to Kuwait. Men dozed or listened to music on earphones.

When the convoy finally reached the sandy border, two soldiers, armed and helmeted, jumped off their vehicle and raced each other into Kuwait.

Once out of Iraq, there was still work to be done.

Vehicles had to be stripped of ammunition and spare tires, and eventually washed and packed for shipment home. Meanwhile, to the north, insurgents kept up a relentless campaign against the country's institutions and security forces, killing five Iraqi government employees in roadside bombings and other attacks Wednesday. Coming a day after a suicide bomber killed 61 army recruits in central Baghdad, the latest violence highlighted the shaky reality left by the departing U.S. combat force and five months of stalemate over forming Iraq's next government.

For Dill, who reached Kuwait with an earlier convoy, the withdrawal engendered feelings of relief. His mission — to get his squad safely out of Iraq — was accomplished.

Standing alongside a hulking Stryker, his shirt stained with sweat, he acknowledged the men who weren't there to experience the day with him. "I know that to my brothers in arms who fought and died, this day would probably mean a lot, to finally see us getting out of here," he said.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The 4th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division was officially designated the last combat brigade to leave Iraq under Obama's plan to end combat operations in Iraq by Aug. 31.

*Associated Press* writer Rebecca Santana joined the troops on their final journey out of the country.



# Morocco border blockade of Spain enclave suspended

DANIEL WOOLLS

Associated Press Writer

MELILLA, Spain (AP) — Activists in Morocco who have twice blockaded food shipments into a Spanish enclave in the last week to protest alleged abuses by border police have agreed to suspend their demonstrations until September, when the holy Islamic month of Ramadan ends, a merchants association said.

The deal means a temporary end to the on-and-off commercial blockade of Melilla, a North African city of 70,000 people which Morocco calls “occupied” territory. The latest protest Wednesday halted shipments of perishable food into Melilla.

But the blockades could resume if the problems that triggered it — alleged brutality and racism by Spanish border police against Moroccans entering Melilla — flare up again, said Yusef Kaddur, president of an association of Muslim merchants in Melilla. “They have given us a one-month truce,” Kaddur said of the protesters.

The activists accepted the merchants’ view that the Melilla’s citizens should not suffer from a problem that must be addressed by the governments of Spain and Morocco, Kaddur told The Associated Press.

“We are not the ones responsible for what has happened at the border,” Kaddur said. Over the last month, Morocco’s government has made repeated accusations against Spanish police who control the dusty frontier crossing between Melilla, but Kaddur said the protests only hurt Melilla and Moroccans who live nearby and depend on the enclave for their livelihoods.

Many in Melilla and Spain suggest that the protesters had at least tacit support from the government of Morocco, which claims both Melilla and another North African Spanish enclave further to the west, Ceuta, because Moroccan police did nothing to stop Wednesday’s blockade and another one a week ago. Overnight Tuesday, all trucks were briefly prevented from

crossing into Melilla. On Wednesday, no fish, fruit or vegetables came in as truckers apparently bowed to protesters’ demands and did not make deliveries.

Spain and Morocco are key allies, cooperating closely on fighting Islamic terrorism and preventing illegal immigration — but the dispute has led Spain’s main opposition party to accuse the ruling Socialist Party of failing to reduce tensions. □

Melilla regional president Juan Jose Imbroda, right, and former Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar of the opposition Popular Party, center, speak with a policeman in Melilla, Spain, on Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010. Moroccan truckers have halted food shipments from Morocco to the Spanish enclave of Melilla as protesters accuse Spanish police of brutality and racism against Moroccans.

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# American activist surrenders to Peru police



**U.S. activist Lori Berenson attends her hearing at court in Lima, Peru, Monday Aug. 16, 2010. Berenson, from New York, addressed a criminal appeals court as prosecutors called for her parole to be revoked and for her to be sent back to prison to finish her 20-year sentence for aiding the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement, arguing that a May decision granting parole was riddled with errors.**

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**Rescuers look among debris after the roof of a primary school building collapsed in Sumgarh, a village in Uttarakhand state, India, Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010. A mudslide triggered by heavy rains demolished a school building in northern India on Wednesday, killing at least 18 children, an official said.**

*Associated Press*

## School building collapse in rain kills 18 in India

**BISWAJEET BANERJEE**

**Associated Press Writer**

**LUCKNOW, India (AP)** — A mudslide triggered by heavy rains demolished a school building in northern India on Wednesday, killing at least 18 children, an official said.

A state minister for relief, Khazan Das, said eight children have been rescued from the single-story school in Sumgarh, a village in Uttarakhand state.

Rescuers are still looking for another 10 children and two teachers believed to be buried in the debris of the building.

The children were aged between 6 and 13, Das said.

The region is nearly 375 miles southwest of Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh state.

Heavy rains have caused mudslides at several place in Uttarakhand state this week.

India is experiencing heavy rainfall this monsoon season, which usually continues into October.

Earlier this month, flash floods triggered by a cloudburst killed at least 175 people in the remote and mountainous Ladakh region of the Indian portion of Kashmir. □

**CARLA SALAZAR**

**Associated Press Writer**

**LIMA, Peru (AP)** — An American activist convicted of aiding leftist rebels surrendered to police on Wednesday after a court struck down a decision granting her parole and ordered her to return to prison, where she is to remain with her 15-month-old son for the time being.

Lori Berenson was arrested by police at the U.S. Embassy, where she had been attending a meeting about “consular issues” when she learned of the court’s ruling, embassy spokesman James Fennell said.

“She’s calm. She is a very strong women,” her husband and lawyer, Anibal Apari, told reporters outside the embassy. “She is going to return to jail with her baby.”

The ruling by the three-judge panel of the criminal appeals court was announced two days after the 40-year-old New Yorker appeared at a hearing, apologizing for her crime and asking the court to uphold her parole. Berenson told the court on Monday that she regrets her actions and hoped to focus on raising on her son, Salvador.

Berenson has acknowledged collaborating with the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement, but said she was never a member of the group nor involved in violent acts.

She has so far served 15 years of a 20-year prison sentence for terrorist collaboration.

“Even though she disagrees with the court’s decision, she has turned herself in,” Apari said.

Deputy Justice Minister Luis Marill said the court struck down the May 27 decision that granted her parole — a decision that was widely unpopular in Peru.

Julio Galindo, the government’s lead anti-terrorism prosecutor, told the Peruvian radio station Radioprogramas that the court had annulled the May decision granting parole until an error is addressed — that Berenson had not promptly notified police of the correct address where she would live upon her release.

Galindo said that once that error is addressed,

the judge in the case, Jessica Leon, would be able to issue a new ruling. He said the process is likely to take about two months and that if the judge decides in Berenson’s favor again, she would go free again.

Marill called it “probable” that the judge could decide to free Berenson again on parole, but added: “That’s going to depend a great deal on the efforts of the prosecutor’s office” and other factors, including police reports.

The prosecutor has argued there were errors in the ruling that granted parole, including that Berenson’s time served in prison was incorrectly calculated. If the criminal appeals court eventually rules against Berenson on that issue, she might have to remain in prison, Galindo said.

There was no immediate reaction from Berenson’s parents, who are from New York City and have been in Peru in recent days.

Berenson was initially accused of being a leader of the Tupac Amaru, which bombed banks and kidnapped and killed civilians in the 1980s and 1990s.

When she was arrested in November 1995 with the wife of the group’s leader, prosecutors said Berenson was helping plot a takeover of Peru’s Congress.

She was convicted of treason by a military court in 1996 and sentenced to life. But after an intense campaign by her parents and pressure from the U.S. government, she was retried in a civilian court. In 2001 it convicted her of the lesser crime of terrorist collaboration and sentenced her to 20 years.

Galindo, the prosecutor, has questioned whether Berenson has cut all links to the rebel group.

Many Peruvians disapproved of Berenson’s release, and congressmen of multiple parties praised the ruling to send her back behind bars.

“I think we shouldn’t give a single millimeter to terrorism,” said lawmaker Carlos Raffo, who belongs to the party of former President Alberto Fujimori, during whose government Berenson was prosecuted and imprisoned. □

## Chilean police break up student protest march



**Riot police officers detain a high school student during a protest in Santiago, Chile, Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010. Hundred of students protested demanding the government to improve education quality.**

*Associated Press*

**SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)** capital have used tear gas — Riot police in Chile’s and water cannons to chase

off some 2,000 students who tried to march through central Santiago to protest the national government’s education policies.

Authorities say about 15 people were arrested during Wednesday’s confrontation.

The protest was called by university and secondary school student leaders to express dissatisfaction with Chile’s conservative government.

The student groups say they fear that reforms being pushed by the Education Ministry are designed as a stealth privatization of public education. □



# WikiLeaks: Pentagon ready to discuss Afghan files

KARL RITTER

Associated Press Writer

STOCKHOLM (AP) — WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange said Wednesday the Pentagon has expressed willingness to discuss the online whistleblower's request for help in reviewing classified documents from the Afghan war and removing information that could harm civilians. "This week we received contact through our lawyers that the General Counsel" of the Pentagon "says now that they want to discuss the issue," Assange told The Associated Press by telephone.

The Pentagon denied it was willing to collaborate with the group, but acknowledged that it had arranged for a phone call last Sunday between its general counsel and a person claiming to be a lawyer for WikiLeaks.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said the lawyer, Timothy Matusheski, was a "no show" for the call.

The Pentagon followed up with a letter to Matusheski on Monday demanding that WikiLeaks return the war files.

"The Defense Department will not negotiate some 'minimized' or 'sanitized' version of the release by WikiLeaks of

additional U.S. government classified documents," wrote Jeh Johnson, the Pentagon's top lawyer.

Whitman had initially told reporters there had been no "direct" contact between the Defense Department and WikiLeaks. He said he still stands by that assessment, because the phone call between Johnson and Matusheski never took place.

In an interview Wednesday, Matusheski told The Associated Press that he never had a scheduled phone call with Pentagon officials on Sunday. Instead, he said he has had several recent phone conversations with an agent from the U.S. Army's Criminal Investigation Command, which is investigating the document leak.

The agent, he said, also called him twice on Sunday morning, but never reached him.

Matusheski added that the agent has asked about setting up a meeting between Assange and Defense Department officials, but did not seek to set up a conversation between Matusheski and the Pentagon. Matusheski said he provides free legal work for Assange as a way of supporting the whistleblower website.

Assange said Wednesday

that "contact has been established" but added it was not clear whether and how the U.S. military would assist WikiLeaks.

"It is always positive for parties to talk to each other," Assange said. "We welcome their engagement."

He reiterated that WikiLeaks plans to release its second batch of secret Afghan war documents within "two weeks to a month."

The first files in its "Afghan War Diary" laid bare classified military documents covering the war in Afghanistan from 2004 to 2010. The release angered U.S. officials, energized critics of the NATO-led campaign, and drew the attention of the Taliban, which has promised to use the material to track down people it considers traitors.

Non-governmental organizations, including the Paris-based media watchdog Reporters Without Borders, have criticized WikiLeaks as being irresponsible.

WikiLeaks describes itself as a public service organization for whistleblowers, journalists and activists.

"We encourage other media and human rights groups who have a genuine concern about reviewing the material to



WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange gives a seminar at the Swedish Trade Union Confederation headquarters in Stockholm, Sweden, Saturday Aug. 14, 2010. WikiLeaks will publish 15,000 documents from the Afghan war within weeks, Assange told reporters in Stockholm, saying "We proceed cautiously and safely with this material." although U.S. Pentagon says the information would be more damaging to security and risk more lives.

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assist us with the difficult and very expensive task of getting a large historical archive into the public's record," Assange said.

The Australian was in Sweden in part to prepare an application for a publishing certificate that would allow WikiLeaks to take full advantage of the Scandinavian nation's press freedom laws.

That also means WikiLeaks would have to appoint a

publisher that could be held legally responsible for the material. Assange said that person would be "either me or one of our Swedish people."

WikiLeaks routes its material through Sweden and Belgium because of the whistleblower protection offered by laws in those countries. But it also has backup servers in other countries to make sure the site is not shut down, Assange said. □



A Romanian Gypsy boy sits next to a shopping cart loaded with personal belongings, as he drinks a glass of milk at a school gymnasium in Choisy le Roi, 7 miles east of Paris, Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010. France's immigration minister Eric Besson says the government isn't going after Gypsies despite almost daily raids by police to dismantle illegal camps. Besson said on RTL radio Tuesday that when camps are dismantled people are offered money and a flight home. Interior Minister Brice Hortefeux said last week that more than 40 illegal camps were dismantled in two weeks.

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ANGELA DOLAND

Associated Press Writer

CHOISY-LE-ROI, France

(AP) — Since French police moved in on a Gypsy squatters' camp a week ago, confiscating

## French crackdown on Gypsies raises concern home and abroad

trailers and turning everyone out, the group has taken refuge in a gymnasium outside Paris. At night, wailing babies keep many awake — to ponder their uncertain future.

President Nicolas Sarkozy's conservative government is cracking down on Gypsies, or Roma, linking them to crime, dismantling their illegal camps and sending some home to Eastern Europe. But the policy is attracting increasing concern, at home and abroad, from those who fear it discriminates against one of the European Union's most vulnerable and impoverished communities.

Some critics contend the crackdown is a cynical ploy to turn attention away from

France's economic woes and attract far-right voters by fanning xenophobia in the run-up to the 2012 presidential election.

Sarkozy's approval ratings have been weak and a financial scandal has embroiled a top minister.

A spokesman for the EU justice commissioner said the commission was following the developments in France. Romania's foreign minister said Wednesday that he hoped expulsions of Roma to his country had been carried out legally.

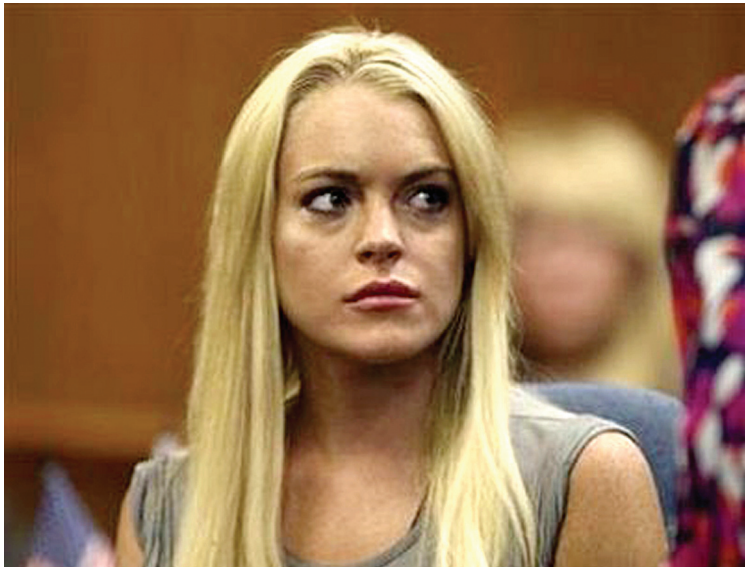
"I also express my concern about the risk of a populist backlash and generating xenophobic reactions against the backdrop of the economic

crisis," Teodor Baconschi told RFI radio.

The French Foreign Ministry, in response, said that France and Romania are cooperating closely on the issue. Many of the Roma in France are from Romania, as are the 70 people staying temporarily in a gymnasium in the Paris suburb of Choisy-le-Roi. About 30 of them are children, and the youngest is only 15 days old. Last week, a United Nations anti-racism body expressed concerns about France's policies toward the Roma and about another of Sarkozy's recent security proposals: revoking the French citizenship of people of foreign origins who endanger the life of police officers. □



# Lindsay Lohan faces grim career options



Actress Lindsay Lohan appears in court at the Beverly Hills Municipal Courthouse as she surrenders for a 90-day jail sentence for violating the terms of her probation on drunk driving charges by missing alcohol education classes in Beverly Hills, California July 20, 2010.

By Jay A. Fernandez  
and Leslie Bruce

LOS ANGELES — Getting back to straight civilian life can be tough for anyone trying to leave a jail stint behind. But professional train wreck and sometime-actress Lindsay Lohan has a whole set of unique circumstances to navigate when she walks out of rehab again and tries to make a living.

At first, she'll need to rely on the tarnished-celebrity-appearance racket because her film career is shaping up to make Tara Reid's look like Sandra Bullock's.

Lohan's talent as an actor is well-established, but the appealing version of her image hasn't been onscreen for five years -- an ice age in movie-star terms. The tawdry nature

of the past few years of her life combined with the increasingly limited options she now has available to her as a major investment risk mean that the film parts she is lining up are, at best, delightfully fringe. And much less lucrative.

Her next scheduled movie is the independent Linda Lovelace biopic "Inferno," which will feature Lohan as the '70s porn icon-turned-anti-porn-activist in a controversial role that writer-director Matthew Wilder has said will involve "full frontal nudity -- but it will not be cinematic nudity, it will be more violent nudity."

Lohan's next appearance in theaters will be Robert Rodriguez's gory grindhouse homage "Machete," which hits theaters September 3. Thus far, images from the film have

shown the actress in a nun's habit either firing a machine gun or -- in a poster shot easily confused for the Lovelace project -- licking the tip of a gigantic gun barrel.

In a move meant to capitalize on her renewed troubles, Vince "Shamwow!" Offer is rereleasing his 1999 film "The Underground Comedy Movie" in the fall with added footage shot in June of Lohan as Marilyn Monroe mowing down a line of paparazzi with two flaring pistols.

Oscar bait this is not: If these parts were any lower rent, they'd be free.

On the other hand, sources close to Lohan said her nonfilm work will be the real income generator, even if it's much less than she would have gotten before her most recent mishaps and involves scraping the bottom of the dignity barrel.

Given her fresh notoriety, Lohan is likely to be handed \$1 million by OK! for her first post-jail interview, and the clamor for stories about her time "inside" is likely to provide another muddy revenue stream. Her fee for New York and Los Angeles event appearances will land anywhere from \$25,000-\$100,000 -- even when they involve friends -- though many old haunts won't touch her now.

If Lohan swings into the Las Vegas orbit -- a dangerous milieu given her addictions --

she reportedly expects a cool million. Sin City sources have placed a cap in the half-million-dollar range, and she likely will coordinate an appearance at the Palms, which is owned by family friends, for a discounted price.

But sources close to Lohan, who has been e-mailing and texting from rehab, said she is determined to stay sober and rebuild her career. Looking at her recent resume, sobriety might be the easier of the two. Her most recent appearances were in the ABC Family TV movie "Labor Pains" last year and the string of bombs "Just My Luck," "Bobby," "Chapter 27," "Georgia Rule" and "I Know Who Killed Me," which showcased her as a stripper in 2007. Her last real hit was the Disney revamp "Herbie Fully Loaded" in 2005.

"Inferno" producers Chris Hanley and Jordan Gertner claim that they remain committed to filming their take on the "Deep Throat" star in November, and they had photographer Tyler Shields take photos of Lohan in character as Lovelace in a seedy motel story line in the weeks before she was incarcerated. A pulpy one-sheet followed.

But then the actress was sentenced to 90 days in jail for violating her probation. Although Lohan was released August 2 after just 13 days, she then was shuttled to a UCLA facility for 90 more court-ordered days in rehab.

The full sentence would keep her inside until the beginning of November, though recent reports have hinted that she could be released much earlier.

Even so, she might have to undergo "follow-up treatment," according to the prosecutor involved in putting Lohan away, and the costs of insuring her would at this point be larger than many producers would be willing to pay or would be wrapped into her low salary. Experts told The Hollywood Reporter last month that insuring Lohan could cost as much as 3% of a film's budget, which though not high in pure dollars would represent "extra money" a low-budget independent film rarely has.

There's always the TV route that served Robert Downey Jr. well when he appeared on "Ally McBeal" during his first comeback. Lohan did a four-episode arc on "Ugly Betty" in 2008 and could angle for a high-class guest stint on the small screen to re-acustom viewers to seeing her outside a courtroom.

Or she could try to resuscitate the recording career she abandoned in 2005, because the music world seems even more forgiving than Hollywood. Perhaps a guest vocal on a Kanye West track or a duets album with Amy Winehouse would do the trick.

After all, she's already covered "Rehab." □

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**FILE** - In this Oct. 30, 2009 file photo, Jerry Lee Lewis performs at the 25th Anniversary Rock & Roll Hall of Fame concert at Madison Square Garden in New York.

(AP Photo/Henny Ray Abrams, file)

## Jerry Lee Lewis to perform with 'Quartet' cast

By JOHN CARUCCI,  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Jerry Lee Lewis will join his likeness onstage when he performs with the cast of the hit Broadway musical "Million Dollar Quartet" for a one-time jam session.

Producers say the artist will perform an undisclosed song Sept. 10 during the show's finale.

Levi Kreis won a Tony Award for his portrayal of Lewis, and they recently recorded the classic 1959 song "Money" for Lewis' upcoming album "Mean Old Man." That raises the probability it's what they'll perform onstage.

"Million Dollar Quartet" tells the story of an actual impromptu jam session in 1956 among Sun Recording artists Lewis, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley. The 74-year old Lewis is the only one still living.

The musical was nominated for three Tony Awards including best musical and Kreis' performance. □



## BUSINESS

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## Stocks are mixed, investors make few moves



In this photograph taken Aug. 10, 2010, traders gather at the post that handles Hewlett-Packard on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Stocks look to open little changed Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010, as investors take a step back a day after the market's big rally.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

By JOYCE M. ROSENBERG,  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Stocks rose moderately Wednesday as investors found some positive news in the day's retail earnings reports.

The Dow Jones industrial average seesawed through the day, but was up 44 in mid-afternoon. All the other major indexes also rose.

Interest rates fell again in the Treasury market as investors kept seeking out more secure alternatives to stocks.

There was little news to motivate stock investors a day after a stream of improving economic numbers restored some of their enthusiasm for stocks and sent the Dow up 103 points. But retailers continued reporting second-

quarter earnings, and investors found some pluses.

Target Corp. missed analysts' forecasts for its second quarter revenue and offered a muted outlook for sales for the rest of the year. But the company told analysts it hopes to offset weak sales with higher sales of groceries and its new discounts for credit card holders. Target initially fell sharply, then recovered to a moderate advance.

The reports came a day after Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Home Depot Inc. issued numbers that were upbeat. Almost all the big retailers were higher. An exception was BJ's Wholesale Club Inc., which lowered its earnings outlook for the year. Its stock dropped.

Wednesday's trading was muted, and that was to be expected after Tuesday's advance. Traders were already cautious, and with the economy uncertain, they weren't about to commit much more money to stocks.

The Dow rose 44.50, or 0.4 percent, to 10,450.43. The

Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 5.08, or 0.5 percent, to 1,097.62. The Nasdaq composite index rose 14.75, or 0.7 percent, to 2,224.19. Gainers were ahead of losers by 2 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume was again extremely light, mostly because of vacations, but also because many investors don't have enough of a sense of the economy's strength. That's making them hold off of any major moves. NYSE volume came to 508 million shares. Treasuries remained a destination for investors seeking a safer place than stocks to put their money. The 10-year Treasury yield fell to 2.63 percent from 2.64 percent late Tuesday.

John Stoltzfus, senior market strategist with Ticonderoga Securities in New York, said the market is becoming increasingly dominated by a "What have you done for me lately?" attitude and responding to daily reports about the economy.

"We live from economic data point to economic data point,"

he said. "That will probably continue at least until the end of the summer as we wait for some kind of catalyst that would give the market better definition."

BHP Billiton's \$38.5 billion takeover offer for fertilizer producer Potash Corp. of Saskatchewan turned hostile Wednesday. Potash had called BHP's offer grossly inadequate. The announcement of the bid and Potash's rejection Tuesday helped feed the rally in stocks. Mergers and acquisitions activity tends to lift the market because it shows investors' confidence in the economy.

Investors were expecting a better offer. Potash rose \$4.56, or 3.2 percent, to \$147.73.

Target rose \$1.44, or 2.8 percent, to \$52.12. BJ's fell \$1.16, or 2.7 percent, to \$42.15.

Overseas, Japan's Nikkei 225 index closed up 0.9 percent. In later European trading, London's FT-SE 100 index fell 0.8 percent. Germany's DAX index fell 0.3 percent, while the CAC-40 index in Paris fell 0.7 percent. □

## GM to be dual-listed, IPO filing seen Wednesday

By Clare Baldwin  
and David Bailey

NEW YORK/DETROIT (Reuters) — General Motors Co will list its shares on the New York Stock Exchange and Toronto Stock Exchange after its initial public offering, a source familiar with the matter said on Wednesday.

The filing for GM's IPO with U.S. securities regulators is expected on Wednesday, two people involved in the top U.S. automaker's preparations for going public said.

The IPO, intended to repay a portion of the automaker's U.S. government bailout, has been dubbed "Project Dawn," said the source, who declined to be named because preparations for the IPO remain private.

Before its 2009 bankruptcy, GM

shares traded on the New York Stock exchange, and its return had been widely expected as the automaker begins to distance itself from its government-led restructuring and attracts private investors.

Adding a stock listing in Toronto would underscore the role that the governments of Canada and Ontario played as junior partners to the U.S. Treasury in keeping GM from liquidation in bankruptcy.

The Toronto Stock Exchange declined to comment.

A successful GM IPO would strengthen the Obama administration's case that the \$50 billion GM bailout has been a financial success for taxpayers even as it saved jobs in areas like Detroit that were hit hard by the recession.

The GM bailout came in the face of public skepticism and Republican political opposition.

GM Chief Executive Ed Whitacre, who steps down at the start of September, has said the automaker needs to distance itself from government ownership and the label "Government Motors" to build momentum in its turnaround.

Still to be determined is the number of shares to be sold by owners including the U.S. government, the governments of Canada and Ontario, and the United Auto Workers union healthcare trust, the source said.

PART OF IPO TO RAISE CAPITAL

Sources previously told Reuters the IPO could raise as much as



Vehicles for sale are parked at a Cadillac dealer in Sherman Oaks, California August 17, 2010.

REUTERS/Mario Anzuoni

\$20 billion, making it one of the biggest IPOs ever.

The U.S. Treasury plans to sell about 20 percent of the 304 million GM shares it holds, reducing its stake in the top U.S. automaker to below 50 percent, sources have said.

GM is not expected to issue new common stock in the IPO but plans to sell about \$3 billion in mandatory convertible securities that convert into shares in the future, a person familiar with the plan previously told Reuters. □



# SPORTS

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### Ryder Cup, playoffs on the line at Wyndham



Anthony Kim drives the ball from the eighth tee during the Wyndham Championship golf tournament pro-am Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010, in Greensboro, N.C.

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**JOEDY McCREARY**

AP Sports Writer

GREENSBORO, North Carolina (AP) — Anthony Kim could use another push to strengthen his case for the U.S. Ryder Cup team. Trevor Immelman's need this week is even more pressing.

Without a strong showing at the Wyndham Championship, he might not make golf's postseason.

The final event before the PGA Tour's lucrative finishing kick starts Thursday and promises to once again be dominated by players trying to make it to other events — either the Ryder Cup or the FedEx Cup playoffs.

"It's just time for me to get the ball in the hole the next month and prove to him that I'm playing well enough to make that team," said Kim, part of the winning U.S. team two years ago at Valhalla.

The "him" is captain Corey Pavin, who will announce his wild-card selections Sept. 7.

It's been a rough past few months for the 25-year-old Kim, whose first PGA Tour victory came two years ago and a few hours down the road in Charlotte at the former Wachovia Championship.

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Rafael Nadal, from Spain, hits a backhand against Taylor Dent, from Bradenton, Fla., during a match at the Cincinnati Open tennis tournament, Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010, in Mason, Ohio.

Associated Press

**JOE KAY,**

AP Sports Writer

MASON, Ohio (AP) — Top-ranked Rafael Nadal defeated American Taylor Dent 6-2, 7-5 on Wednesday in his opening match at the Cincinnati Masters, taking control by dominating the first four games to set up his 35th victory in his last 37 matches. Third-ranked Novak Djokovic, fourth-ranked Andy Murray and No. 13 Andy Roddick

— the top-ranked American — also advanced.

Nadal had his serve broken only once in the match, in the second set. The Spanish player broke right back to level the second set, and again to pull ahead 6-5.

"In the beginning, he had a lot of mistakes," Nadal said. "In the second, that's what happens when you play against a big server. I was waiting to have my chances."

### Nadal, Djokovic win opening matches in Cincinnati Masters

The top players got first-round byes, so their opening matches presented the first chance to get accustomed to the extremely fast court. Players say the balls are skipping much faster than they did at the hard-court tournament in Toronto last week, where Murray beat Roger Federer for the title.

"For us, it's difficult to adapt, especially if you only have one or two days," Nadal said. "This first match is always dangerous."

One other notable change was the weather.

Temperatures in Cincinnati can reach 120 Fahrenheit (49 Celsius) on court, which is especially a problem for Djokovic.

He got a break from the heat during his 6-3, 7-5 win over fellow Serb Viktor Troicki in the day's opening match. The midday temperature was 79F (26C).

Djokovic feels the heat more than other players, and his

allergies can kick in when it's extremely hot.

"I do react a little bit different than other players," he said. "I do have some respiratory problems, depending on the conditions I play in. But you know, you've got to try to overcome that. I'm not the only player who has issues out there."

Roddick was dealing with a different issue. He dropped out of Toronto last week and had blood tests to find out why he was feeling sluggish the last two months. Turns out he's getting over a mild case of mononucleosis.

On Monday, Roddick had to go three sets, including a tiebreaker, to pull out his first-round win. Facing Thiemo de Bakker two days later, he never faced a break point during a 7-6 (4), 6-4 victory. Roddick won the last four points in the tiebreaker, came out re-energized and got the match's only service break to

take control.

Murray had the toughest time of the top seeds, forced to regroup after a second-set meltdown for a 6-3, 6-7 (3), 6-2 win over France's Jeremy Chardy. Murray led 5-4 in the second set before Chardy broke his serve to avoid a quick elimination, then became more aggressive and ran off five straight points to win the tiebreaker.

"He started playing a lot better," Murray said.

"At the end of the second set, he started going for everything. When he started making some shots, I was a little uncomfortable."

Down 2-1 in the third set, Chardy took a medical timeout and had his right foot treated. He had his serve broken in the next game and never recovered. Chardy had 53 unforced errors. Murray settled in during the final set, getting accustomed to the court speed. □



# Favre comes back for second season with Vikings

JON KRAWCZYNSKI

AP Sports Writer

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — The lure of playing in another Super Bowl brought Brett Favre back to the NFL — again.

Favre joined his Minnesota Vikings teammates at practice Wednesday. The three-time MVP wore a helmet, shoulder pads and red quarterback's jersey as he worked out with Minnesota for the first time since getting battered by New Orleans as the Vikings lost the NFC championship game in January.

"As we were driving on that last drive it seemed like it was destiny — for us," said Favre, whose interception in the final minute ended that march and the Vikings never got the ball in overtime. "I was so close, so close to getting these guys to the Super Bowl.

"I owe it to this organization to give it one more try." Not that coming back for a 20th season was a simple decision.

"I could make a case for both playing, not playing," Favre said. "This is a very good football team, the chances here are much greater than other places. From that standpoint, it was always going to be easier

(to return).

"Part of me said it was such a great year, it would be easy to say, 'Hey can't play any better, why even try?' Then the other part is, 'Guys are playing on a high level. Why don't I go back out?' The expectations are high here, as they should be."

The expectations always are high for Favre, even at 40. He's the NFL's leader in nearly every significant passing category and the most successful regular-season quarterback ever.

After staying away from training camp, as he's done for much of the past two summers, Favre was practicing less than 24 hours after the team sent Steve Hutchinson, Jared Allen and Ryan Longwell — three of his closest friends — to Mississippi to bring him back. Favre underwent left ankle surgery on May 21 and just a few weeks ago texted several teammates and Vikings officials that he would not return because the recovery was slower than he expected. "There is nothing on me that's 100 percent, there wasn't anything that was 100 percent last year or the year before," Favre said. "The surgery made me a little better.

"I have played 309 straight games, I can't complain."

Favre's return to the field came on the one-year anniversary of the day he signed a two-year, \$25 million contract with the Vikings.

In a scene nearly identical to his arrival last August, Favre took a private plane from Hattiesburg on Tuesday, was followed by news helicopters from a suburban airport to the team headquarters and was greeted by dozens of fans and media members upon his arrival.

"Helicopters acting like they are following O.J.," tight end Visanthe Shiancoe tweeted.

The big difference between this year and last year? His signing with the Vikings — Green Bay's bitter NFC North rival — was a stunner after he tormented Minnesota for so long as a member of the Packers.

This time around, virtually everyone expected the quarterback who flirts with quitting every summer to return. Favre's latest dalliance centered on the ankle that was injured in New Orleans and needed surgery. This is the third straight year the Vikings have dealt with questions about Favre, so they weren't



**Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brett Favre makes a touchdown signal as he returns to the practice field for the first time during NFL football training camp, Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010 in Eden Prairie, Minn. After staying away from training camp, Favre was practicing less than 24 hours after the team sent three of his closest friends to Mississippi to bring him back following another summer of indecision.**

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convinced he was done. Now it's time to see if the old man can do it all again. The gray-haired Favre turned in one of the best seasons in a terrific career last year, throwing 33 touchdowns and only seven interceptions to lead the Vikings to the NFC North title. He passed for 310 yards and a touchdown against the Saints in the Superdome, but also threw an interception at the end of regulation that cost them a chance at a

winning field goal that would have put Minnesota in the Super Bowl for the first time in 33 years.

Now after being cajoled by Allen, Hutchinson and Longwell, Favre will have one more shot at redemption and a second Lombardi Trophy.

Even though it was expected that he would be back, the same excitement as last year surrounded his return on Tuesday. Fans clogged Viking Drive, and police tried to control traffic and keep youngsters and television cameras from spilling onto the street.

Last year, Childress picked up Favre from the airport. This year, Longwell was the chauffeur, and fans tried to mob his black BMW SUV as he pulled into the driveway at Winter Park.

"Brett Favre for President!!" receiver Bernard Berrian tweeted. He'll have to settle for quarterback for now.

Even though he will turn 41 in October, Favre doesn't figure to need much time to get warmed up and ready for another season. He skipped all of training camp last year before unretiring and joining the Vikings. The three-time MVP then delivered a season even he didn't expect.

He set career bests in completion percentage (68.4), quarterback rating (107.2) and fewest interceptions, while throwing for 4,202 yards. □

## Peirsol squeezes into Pan Pacs final

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — World record-holder Aaron Peirsol failed to advance out of the 100-meter backstroke heats at the Pan Pacific championships, but he made the final when American teammate Ryan Lochte dropped out.

Peirsol was ninth-fastest in Wednesday morning's heats with a time of 53.85 seconds, leaving him one place out of the evening final. Only two swimmers from each country can make the final, and teammates David Plummer and Lochte had the quickest qualifying times.

Plummer touched in 53.33 seconds and Lochte in 53.69.

U.S. men's head coach Gregg Troy said Lochte won't swim the final because he only planned on swimming the event once at the meet, which moved Peirsol into the final as the second American.

Michael Phelps led the 200 butterfly qualifying in 1 minute, 55.23 seconds, while Lochte was the fastest qualifier in the 200 freestyle at 1:46.10.

American teammates Allison Schmitt and Morgan Scroggy were the fastest qualifiers in the women's 200 free. American Dana Vollmer, the bronze medalist at last year's world championships, finished ninth and didn't advance.

Geoff Huegill of Australia qualified first in the 50 fly at age 31. Roland Schoeman of South Africa was second and Olympian



**Aaron Peirsol speaks at a news conference Monday, Aug. 16, 2010, in Irvine, Calif., with other top U.S. swimmers competing in the Pan Pacific Championships in Irvine.**

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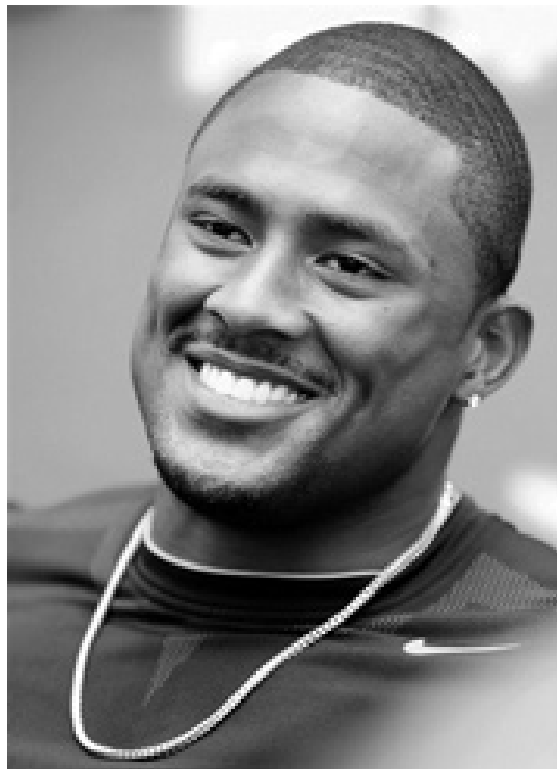
Cesar Cielo of Brazil was third.

Emily Seebohm of Australia qualified first in the 100 backstroke, followed by Olympic champion Natalie Coughlin of the U.S. Seebohm was second-quickest in the 50 butterfly heats behind teammate Marieke Guehrer.

Americans Teresa Crippen and Kathleen Hersey were 1-2 in the women's 200 fly heats on the opening day of the year's biggest international meet. □



# Diamond League prepares to crown its 1st champions



U.S. sprinter Carmelita Jeter, left, smiles during a press conference and U.S. hurdler David Oliver gestures during a press conference ahead of Thursday's IAAF Diamond League athletics meeting "Weltklasse Zuerich" in Glattbrugg near Zurich, Switzerland, Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010.

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ZURICH (AP) — The inaugural Diamond League series will crown 16 champions on Thursday, giving the seasonlong winners in each event the right to be called the No. 1 in the world.

The Weltklasse meeting in Zurich has long been called the "one-day Olympics" by athletics aficionados for its depth of talent. Now, it

acts as the first half of the Diamond League finals.

The 14-date global series ends Aug. 27 in Brussels with finals in the remaining 16 track and field disciplines.

"Zurich is, to me, the best meeting on the European circuit and it's not even close," said David Oliver, who will aim to lower his American record of 12.89

seconds in the 110-meter hurdles — two-hundredths off the world mark owned by Cuba's Dayron Robles.

Oliver is one of five athletes scheduled to arrive at Zurich with an unbeatable points lead in their Diamond Race event standings. Each will collect \$40,000 (€31,000) as first prize just by competing.

"A big race in the 110 hurdles is a given," said Weltklasse director Patrick

Magyar, whose meet features eight current Olympic champions and eight world champions.

Usain Bolt's season-ending back injury robbed Zurich of its main attraction, though with the 100 final slated for Brussels, he was due to run just the 4x100 relay for Jamaica in a field including an American quartet headed by Tyson Gay.

Gay confirmed Tuesday he would run — "I normally prefer the third leg" — but skips the 200 with a slight knee injury despite being in Diamond Race contention after points leader Walter Dix withdrew with an unspecified injury.

Organizers said Wednesday that Dix is no longer eligible to win the award because rules state competing in the final is mandatory. Another American, Wallace Spearmon, now leads the 200 standings.

Runaway points leaders expected to compete and collect include American sprinters Jeremy Wariner, who is 5-for-6 in Diamond League 400s, and four-time winner Carmelita Jeter in the women's 100, plus Kenya's Nancy Jebet Langat in the women's 1,500.

Magyar predicted a season's best time in the 400, to beat the 44.40 clocked by Jamaica's Jermaine Gonzales in Monaco last month. "I also have big, big expectations for the women's 1,500. Nancy is going for a 3 minutes, 55 (seconds)," Magyar said.

A near 30,000 sold-out crowd at Letzigrund stadium has some winner-takes-all showdowns in prospect.

Perhaps the best pits Lolo Jones of the U.S. against Canada's Priscilla Lopes-Schliep for the 100-meter hurdles prize.

Allyson Felix is the points leader in the 400, and is aiming for a Diamond League double as she is scheduled to collect the 200 prize in Brussels.

Dwight Phillips of the U.S. leads the long jump standings and can be denied only by Fabrice Lapierre of Australia. The women's long jump Diamond Race is a four-way contest headed by world champion Brittney Reese of the U.S.

Olympic champion Barbora Spotakova of the Czech Republic will try to hold off Kara Patterson of the U.S. for the women's javelin prize. □

## Injured Henin to miss rest of season

BRUSSELS (AP) — Justine Henin will miss the rest of the 2010 season as she recovers from an elbow injury.

The 28-year-old former No. 1 suffered the injury at Wimbledon in July and told her personal website she would not be able to practice again until October.

"I took several medical examinations and it is going in the right direction," she said.

"But it is still a slow recovery, so I need to be patient again until the end of 2010."

Henin, a seven-time Grand Slam winner, returned to tennis at the beginning of this season after 18 months in retirement.

She reached the final in her first two tournaments, including the Australian Open, and won titles in Stuttgart and Den Bosch.

However, facing Belgian rival Kim Clijsters in the Wimbledon quarterfinals, Henin fell heavily during the first set. Although she completed the match, losing in three sets, she was subsequently diagnosed with damaged elbow ligaments.

Henin's first scheduled tournament of 2011 is the Hopman Cup mixed team event, starting Jan. 1. □



Belgium's tennis star Justine Henin, addresses the media, during a visit by a FIFA inspection commission for the Holland and Belgium candidacy to organize the World Cup soccer tournament in 2018 or 2022, in Brussels, Monday Aug. 9, 2010.

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NL Roundup

# Phillies take wild-card lead from Giants

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The Philadelphia Phillies took a one-game lead over San Francisco in the National League wild-card race with a 9-3 win over the Giants on Tuesday.

Roy Oswalt (8-13) pitched seven sharp innings, allowing three runs and striking out seven.

Placido Polanco had four hits for Philadelphia, while Pat Burrell homered in his first regular-season game at Citizens Bank Park since 2008.

Giants starter Barry Zito (8-7) allowed four runs in five-plus innings.

In Los Angeles, the hosts returned from a tough road trip to blank Colorado.

Dodgers starter Clayton Kershaw (11-7) pitched seven scoreless innings, striking out six. He has not allowed a run against the Rockies in the past 26 innings he's pitched against them at Dodger Stadium.

Scott Podsednik and James Loney had two-run doubles during a five-run fifth for the Dodgers, whose road trip had resulted in Jonathan Broxton being removed from the

closing role.

Los Angeles remains 11 games behind San Diego with 42 remaining.

Rockies starter Jhoulys Chacin (5-9) pitched five innings, allowing five runs.

## Braves 10, Nationals 2

In Atlanta, Diory Hernandez sparked Atlanta with a pinch-hit homer as the Braves downed Washington.

Atlanta won for the sixth time in seven games. All-Star Martin Prado returned from the disabled list with three hits and Mike Minor (1-0) claimed his first big league win, although he trailed at the time he left.

Hernandez homered off Scott Olsen (3-5), who gave up three runs and three hits in five innings.

In Chicago, Jon Garland pitched seven scoreless innings to steer San Diego to a tight win over Chicago.

Garland (12-8) retired the last 12 batters he faced and surpassed his win total from last season.

Jerry Hairston Jr. scored the game's only run for NL West-leading San Diego, which won

for the eighth time in nine games and moved five games ahead of the second-placed San Francisco.

The Padres, who had just three hits in the game, improved to a season-high 24 games over .500 (71-47).

Heath Bell pitched a scoreless ninth for his major league-leading 36th save in 39 opportunities, but not before nearly allowing a game-ending two-run home run in the ninth.

The Cubs have lost eight of their past nine home games. Starter Randy Wells (5-11) took the loss despite allowing only one run in seven innings.

## Brewers 3, Cardinals 2

In St. Louis, Dave Bush pitched six stingy innings to bounce back from a start in which allowed four consecutive home runs, as Milwaukee edged St. Louis.

St. Louis' Albert Pujols homered for the eighth time in 14 games, leading off the fourth with his 31st of the season and 397th of his career. The Cardinals managed only three more singles against Bush (6-10) and have lost

time, I was hoping for the best. It didn't turn out that way, and I just got bumped out."

One thing Kim won't have to worry about: making it to the playoffs. He arrived at Sedgefield Country Club at No. 14 on the points list, the highest-ranked player in the field. As always, there's no shortage of players scrambling to lock up a spot at The Barclays.

"I think guys put this on the calendar as a last chance to get a lot of points before you go into the playoffs," 2007 winner Brandt Snedeker said. "You've seen guys jump in the past. ... How it can change your year, your career and everything else that goes along with it. That all makes for a very important week."

Among those looking for a last-minute points boost is Immelman. He's at No. 154



Philadelphia Phillies' Roy Oswalt pitches in the second inning of a baseball game against the San Francisco Giants, Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2010, in Philadelphia.

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three in a row to NL Central also-rans.

Pujols drew his major league-leading 27th intentional walk of the season, and passed Joe Carter for 50th on the career list.

Casey McGehee hit a two-run homer for Milwaukee, while rookie reliever John Axford got five outs for his 18th save in 20 chances.

In Phoenix, Paul Janish hit a tiebreaking solo homer in the seventh inning as Cincinnati opened a 12-game road trip with victory over Arizona.

Reds starter Bronson Arroyo (13-7) overcame Kelly Johnson's early two-run homer to pitch into the eighth and help Cincinnati move 17 games over .500 (68-51) for the first time since 1999.

The Reds offset a career-high 10 strikeouts by Dbacks

— 113 points behind No. 125 Michael Letzig — and is chasing his first top-10 finish since 2008.

He's made the cut in only eight of the 14 tournaments he's played this year, and playing his fourth tournament since the British Open, needs quite a push just to make it to the next one, next week at Ridgewood Country Club in New Jersey. "Obviously, I want to be there.

There's no doubt about it," Immelman said. "It's something that every player on the PGA Tour is trying to make sure he's a part of, plain and simple.

"But I'm in such an interesting phase of my career where the last couple years has sort of been a stop-start. ... (I've) really struggled to get any momentum," he added. "It's been years since I've (played

starter Daniel Hudson (3-1) with 11 hits, padding their NL Central lead to two games with a season high-matching fifth straight road win.

## Astros 4, Mets 3

In Houston, Hunter Pence had a three-run homer in the first inning and his go-ahead solo shot in the eighth inning gave Houston the win over New York.

The game was tied 3-3 before Pence's shot to left field put Houston on top.

**In other NL games it was Florida 6, Pittsburgh 0; Philadelphia 9, San Francisco 3;**

**Atlanta 10, Washington 2; Houston 4, N.Y. Mets 3; San Diego 1, Chicago Cubs 0; Milwaukee 3, St. Louis 2; Cincinnati 6, Arizona 2; and L.A. Dodgers 6, Colorado 0.** □

this many events). ... For me right now, everything is to make sure by the time Jan. 1 comes, I'm able to play a full schedule next year and play the way I know I can."

He certainly isn't alone. No. 164 Fred Couples needs to finish third to qualify for The Barclays, while any player ranked 153rd or better who finishes in the top five this week will rack up enough points to reach the first tournament of the playoffs.

On the other side of the bubble is Robert Garrigus, who is looking to keep himself in the postseason fold after arriving at No. 122 and describing the four-week playoff series as "pretty much like four majors."

"Playing well this week is a big deal," Garrigus said, "but also you can look at it, just go out and have fun." □



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Thumb surgery in May cost him three months, and he struggled in both tournaments he played since returning, finishing 16 over at the Bridgestone and missing the cut last week at the PGA.

That dropped him off the list of qualifiers and placed his fate squarely in Pavin's hands.

"I wouldn't say added pressure — I really didn't have anything to lose since I came back," Kim said Wednesday. "I haven't put the ball in the hole, and I knew that when I came back, I was going to be rusty. I wish I had practiced a little bit more before I played, but I just wasn't able to do it. I didn't put too much pressure on myself, but at the same



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AL Roundup

# Rays rout Rangers to hold AL East co-lead

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Matt Garza pitched seven scoreless innings for his first win since last month, guiding the Tampa Bay Rays to a 10-1 rout of the Texas Rangers in the American League on Tuesday.

Garza (12-7), who threw Tampa Bay's first ever no-hitter on July 26, had 10 strikeouts, including that of AL batting leader Josh Hamilton with runners on second and third to end the third inning.

Evan Longoria had a single, double and triple and three RBIs for the Rays, who remain tied for the AL East lead. The victory gave manager Joe Maddon his 400th career win.

Carl Crawford hit a two-run homer during a five-run seventh that extended Tampa Bay's lead to 10-0. The AL West-leading Rangers remained eight games ahead of the Los Angeles Angels.

Texas starter Tommy Hunter (9-2) ceded a 3-0 lead to the Rays in the first.

### Yankees 6, Tigers 2

In New York, C.C. Sabathia was dominant at home again, steering New York to a win over Detroit.

Sabathia (16-5) became the AL's first 16-game winner



Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Matt Garza delivers a first inning pitch to the Texas Rangers during a baseball game Monday, Aug. 17, 2010, in St. Petersburg, Fla.; and Detroit Tigers' Brandon Inge rounds the bases behind New York Yankees starting pitcher CC Sabathia on a seventh-inning solo home run in a baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York, Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2010.

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and improved to 14-0 in his past 19 regular-season starts at home.

He gave up two solo homers over seven strong innings, striking out nine to end the Tigers' three-game winning streak.

Nick Swisher had a two-run single for the Yankees.

Detroit's Justin Verlander (13-8) matched a season worst with five walks in five innings. He threw 114 pitches.

### Twins 7, White Sox 6, 10 innings

In Minneapolis, Jim Thome hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the 10th inning to lift Minnesota over his old team.

After Delmon Young's leadoff single against Matt Thornton (3-4), Thome smashed a pitch over the right-field bleachers to send his new team and the fans at

sold-out Target Field into a frenzy.

Ron Mahay (1-1) took the win for the Twins, who stretched their lead in the AL Central to four games.

Chicago's Alexei Ramirez had hit a tying homer in the ninth inning and the go-ahead RBI single in the 10th.

### Red Sox 6, Angels 0

In Boston, Ryan Kalish hit his first career grand slam as Boston cruised past Los Angeles.

Red Sox starter Clay Buchholz (14-5) pitched seven scoreless innings for his fourth consecutive victory and Boston's first shutout since Buchholz helped blank the Dodgers on June 20.

Angels starter Jered Weaver (11-8) allowed six runs over five innings in his first loss in four starts.

Dustin Pedroia returned to the Red Sox lineup after missing 44 games with a broken bone in his left foot.

### Athletics 6, Blue Jays 2

In Oakland, the hosts ended a four-game skid by beating Toronto.

Dallas Braden (8-8) allowed one earned run in seven innings.

Jack Cust drove in the go-ahead run for the A's.

Toronto's Brian Tallet (2-5) lost in relief of starter Brandon Morrow, who lasted four innings.

### Royals 2, Indians 1

In Kansas City, Zack Greinke pitched six strong innings to guide Kansas City to a tight win over Cleveland.

Greinke is 7-3 in his past 12 starts after starting the season 1-8. Greinke (8-11) held the Indians to one run over six innings, lowering

his ERA to 3.90.

Yuniesky Betancourt homered in the fifth to tie the score. Wilson Betemit put the Royals ahead to stay by leading off the sixth with his sixth home run.

Indians rookie Jeanmar Gomez (3-1) was handed his first loss in five big league starts. Cleveland wasted several scoring opportunities, stranding 12 and going 1 for 9 with runners in scoring position. Royals closer Joakim Soria earned his 34th save, which tied for the AL lead. He has converted 27 consecutive chances.

### Mariners 4, Orioles 0

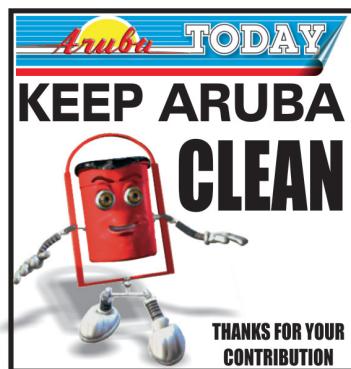
In Baltimore, Luke French pitched seven-plus scoreless innings, steering Seattle to victory over Baltimore.

French (2-3) allowed no hits over the first five innings. He got the first out of the sixth before Josh Bell bounced a single to left.

Matt Tuiasosopo had an RBI double in the fifth and a three-run homer in the ninth. He came into the game with a .155 batting average, one homer and two RBIs in 71 at-bats.

Orioles hard-luck starter Kevin Millwood (2-13) gave up one run over eight innings in one of his best outings of the season.

**In other AL games it was N.Y. Yankees 6, Detroit 2; Seattle 4, Baltimore 0; Boston 6, L.A. Angels 0; Tampa Bay 10, Texas 1; Minnesota 7, Chicago White Sox 6, 10 innings; Kansas City 2, Cleveland 1; and Oakland 6, Toronto 2.** □







## Aruba Marriott Associates Celebrate the 15th Birthday of the Resort



PALM BEACH – On August 18h, all associates of the three Aruba Marriott properties celebrated the 15th birthday of the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino.

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## Aruba Marine Mammal Foundation

# Two Moby Dicks Found Dead Entangled In Gillnet

ORANJESTAD - With the assistance of the Aruba Coastguard, Aruba Marine Mammal Foundation (AMMF) documented and took samples of 2 dead Sperm whales, *Physeter macrocephalus*, entangled in a Gillnet 5 miles of the Aruban shore, shortly after the discovery was reported to AMMF by attentive local fishermen. The 2 whales, one larger than the other, were dead for approximately 2 to 3 days.



AMMF 7 15 2010 two dead spermwhales in Gill-net Aruba

## Miss Aruba to compete in Miss Universe 2010 pageant



LAS VEGAS- Miss Aruba Priscilla Lee poses in her national costume at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada August 16, 2010. The Miss Universe 2010 pageant will take place in Las Vegas on August 23.

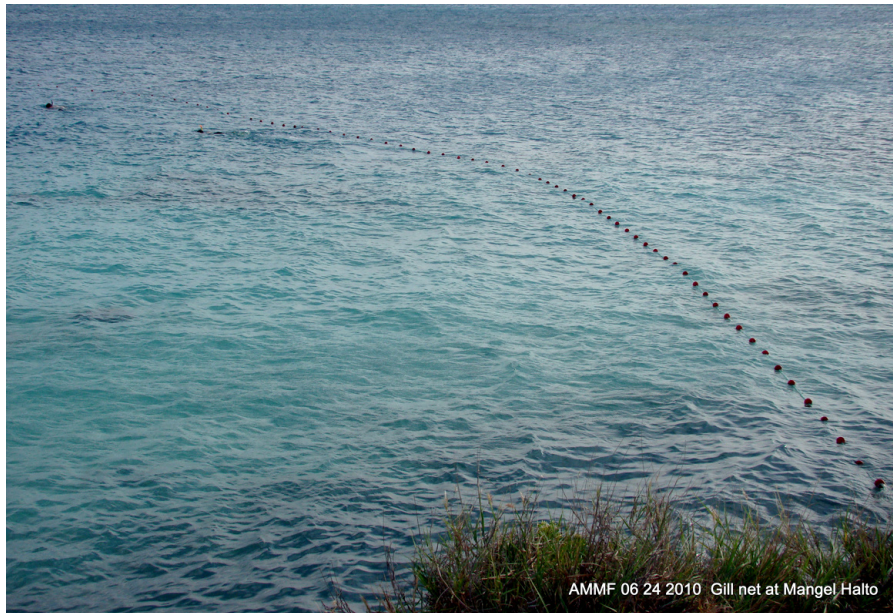
The incident most probably took place 50-70 miles away against the eastward ocean current, placing it between the coastlines of Venezuela and Curacao. This is the second Sperm whale fatal entanglement recorded by AMMF. In 2003 a dead Sperm whale was found entangled in Fishing Trawler's ropes. The Sperm whale is classified by the IUCN as vulnerable for extinction and is on the Appendix I of the "Convention in International Trade in Endangered Species of wild Flora and Fauna (CITES)". Only an estimated 200 000 Sperm whales still exist, mostly due to the 18-20th century hunt on them for the Spermaceti wax and oil in their head, used for manufacturing soap, candles, cosmetics and for lubrication of machineries.

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# Two Moby Dicks Found Dead Entangled In Gillnet



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AMMF 7 15 2010 two dead spermwhales in Gill net Aruba

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This whale, nicknamed Moby Dick, is the largest toothed animal, deepest diving whale (3000m), makes the loudest vocal sound and has the largest brain of any animal (average 126kg). Because Gillnets are the greatest fisheries' caused threat to survival of dolphin, whales, turtles, sharks and sea bird species it is nicknamed as "Wall of Death".

For this reason, in 1991, the use of Gillnets longer than 2.5 kilometer were banned by the United Nations. Previously nets reached 60km in length. But there are serious concerns about it still being used illegally. In countries where

the nets smaller than 2.5km are not yet banned, it's expected that its use is under strict regulation and enforcement in order to reduce bycatch. Another grave concern of AMMF is the use of small inshore Gillnets in the Aruba wild dolphin's vulnerable zones.

These are the birthing and resting coastal refuges of the Aruba wild dolphins. After giving birth the dolphins stay for a few days for protection and to teach the baby dolphin breathing at the surface. Recently AMMF discovered a Gillnet stretched across the Mangel Halto lagoon, a dolphin birthing ground (and home to turtles and eagle rays as well) from shore to the reef. Luckily AMMF

received cooperation to have it removed immediately by authorities, as just a few days later indeed a group of dolphins was again sighted at this spot. Other vulnerable dolphin zones are Arashi, Boca Catalina, Malmok, and inside the South reef lagoon.

It is imperative for us all to be aware of this and to take all necessary precautions in order not to put the survival of the Aruba wild dolphins at risk. Nets should not be placed in these zones and boaters and swimmers must keep their distance and never chase the dolphins or go crisscross through the pod. We must all do our part in keeping the Aruba wild dolphins' refuge a safe place to be, so we can continue to enjoy their magnificent existence. □



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# Aruba gets ready for fundraising for cancer

ORANJESTAD - This is the first column about the Cas di Glas (House of Glass), an event that takes place from September 29 thru October 3 in the Renaissance Marketplace across from CILO City Lounge. It is a concept that, after its immense success in Holland, has been copied in various big cities in Europe. Its goal: to get a substantial amount of money for a good cause; on Aruba this will be the Koningin Wilhelmina Kankerfonds (KWF), the cancer foundation. But what is the Cas di Glas exactly and how does something like that come about? In the coming seven installments you will be able to follow the making of the Cas di Glas and we hope you will get as enthusiastic about this project as its team of organizers. What will a Cas di Glas look like and who will be inside that house; those are the most-asked questions of this moment. Well, the house is currently under construction – it is made of glass and wood and it will be put onto a large trailer in the parking lot across the cinemas and CILO. That part of the parking will be closed off to traffic. There will be a podium and an arena with beach sand for various sports demonstrations. The house will be inhabited by two popular deejays of radio Cool FM: Albert (one-o-one) and Jean Carlo. Television personality Siomara will join them. During their 4 x 24 hour-stay they will only drink fruit- and vegetable juices and their job is to get everybody on Aruba to donate money for the Cas di Glas cause. Added to their presence in the house there will be an extensive entertainment schedule with performances of international and local artists. The deejays will be doing interviews on topics like health and illness, nutrition, sports, charities and of course there will be lots of information about cancer itself, survival, revalidation, possibilities and options. The Cas di Glas event is going to be a four-day long party, but one with a serious note to it. Something about the charity of

the Cas di Glas, the KWF, and the reason why the organization chose this particular cause. As you might know, the KWF helps cancer patients in various ways, through information and support in various ways. Especially women with breast cancer come to KWF and they can get special bras and prostheses, for instance. Although skin cancer is cancer number one on Aruba, breast cancer ranks a good second, with a higher-than-average number of women who are diagnosed with the disease. The reason why this number is so high is still unknown, but one in eight women will get breast cancer on Aruba! That is why Cas di Glas wishes to generate enough money for a mobile unit for breast cancer screening. This unit may be driven to locations and districts where women do not customarily get themselves tested. When regular screenings are done, breast cancer may be detected at an earlier stage, which might spare quite a lot of women immeasurable sadness, fear and pain. Worthwhile, don't you think? Everybody knows someone with breast cancer; maybe even somebody who has died from the illness. I myself know a really nice woman who, due to fear and lack of education, waited way too long with



going to the doctor when she felt a lump in her breast. When she finally went to her doctor with the X-rays, he made a huge mistake and inspected the photos of another patient. Finally she went to her doctor again and he decided that she had to have an operation the very next day. This was an operation in which more than half her breast was removed. The woman felt awful afterwards and she started to look at herself as being very ugly indeed. Five years later her lymph nodes had been affected and the cancer in her breast had come back. This time the verdict was amputation;

of course, in one instant her immense fear was back. Fortunately this story has a happy ending: the woman is still alive, she has undergone breast reconstruction and she is feeling okay, even if she will never be the same again as before. When this person had undergone a breast exam eight years ago, she might

have been spared the terrible agony of operations and long years of living in fear. Stories like this one are no exception: maybe you know one yourself. Our view is this: even if we could save only one woman's life through the Cas di Glas project, it will be worth our while. Don't you think so? □

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## Don & Kathy Hardcastle honored at the Marriott Ocean Club Resort



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here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of Goodwill title. The recent honoring was effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Marriott Ocean Club Resort they call their home away from



home. The following guest were honored as an distinguished visitor after visiting Aruba for 10 years : Don & Kathy Hardcastle from Dallas Texas USA. Pictured: ATA Rep. Ricardo Croes together with Don & Kathy and also staff from the Marriott Ocean Club Resort



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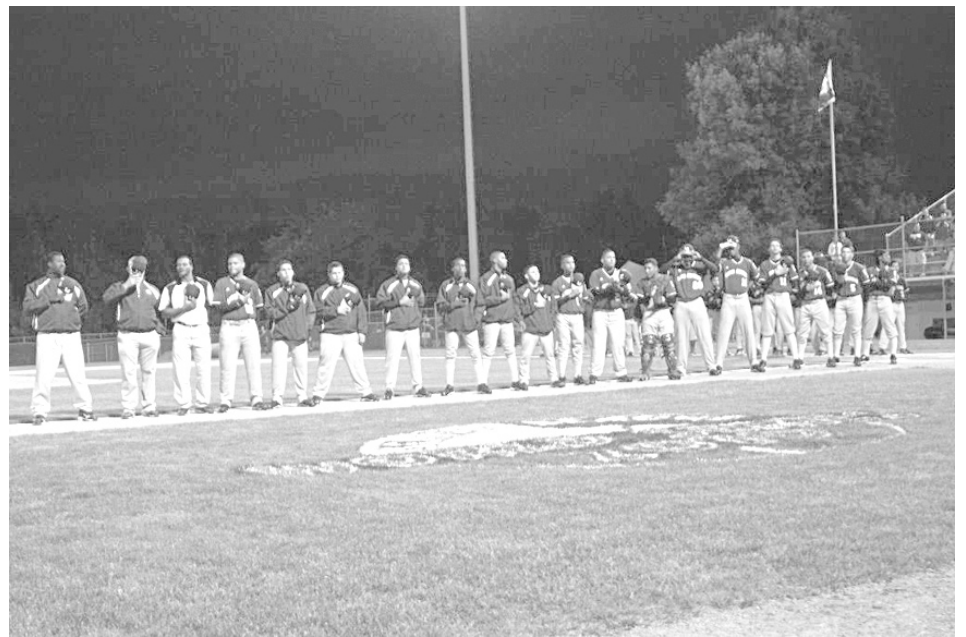
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Latin American champs defeat US Southeast

# Aruba wins, heads into Friday's semifinals



BANGOR — Aruba made the most of its baserunners and minimized its mistakes Wednesday en route to a 7-3 victory over Palm Bay, Fla., during Pool B play of the 2010 Senior League World Series at Mansfield Stadium.

The win leaves the Latin America champions at 3-1 heading into their off-day Thursday, and they will finish no worse than second place in the Pool B standings, though there could be a three-way tie for first with Manhattan Beach, Calif., and Holmes County, Ohio.

Palm Bay, the U.S. Southeast champion, fell to 0-3 and was eliminated from semifinal contention with one game left against Asia Pacific champion Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, at 1 p.m. Thursday.

Aruba mustered just six hits off Palm Bay starter Matt Romandetti, but also stole six bases in seven attempts and capitalized on three errors while leaving just one runner on base.

"They were able to move their runners along," said Palm Bay manager Mike Everette.

The Latin American champions also got a solid pitching effort from Abraham Taveras and reliever Richinell Matos. That duo combined to scatter five hits while striking out six batters, walking one and inducing 10 ground-ball outs, primarily to shortstop Ray-Patrick Didder and second baseman Jiandido Tromp.

Aruba capitalized on two errors, an RBI triple to right by Tromp and an RBI single by Juan Carlos Moncion for a three-run rally to take a 4-2 lead in the bottom of the fourth.

"[Romandetti] had been pitching outside, outside, outside on me, so I went with it," said Tromp of his triple, Aruba's only extra-base hit of the day.

Palm Bay closed within 4-3 with an unearned run after two were out in the fifth. Chandler Lawson was grazed by a pitch, and special pinch runner Jordan Rothschild went to third on an errant pickoff throw before scoring when Aruba center fielder Jermain Manuel misplayed a fly ball by Andrew Gouzman.

Romandetti struck out the side in the bottom of the inning,

but Aruba manufactured three insurance runs in the sixth.

Tromp drew a leadoff walk before cleanup hitter Mitchell Martes sacrificed Tromp to second, one example of the small ball that served mAruba well and also tested the Palm Bay defense.

"We thought it was important to get that fifth run to take the pressure off our pitcher," said Aruba manager Rayborne Didder.

Shawn Duinker followed with an RBI single to center, stole second and later stole third after a two-out walk to Jose Luis Gonzalez. Duinker scored on a wild pitch by Palm Bay reliever Jimmy Tolle, and Matos made it 7-3 with an RBI single to center.

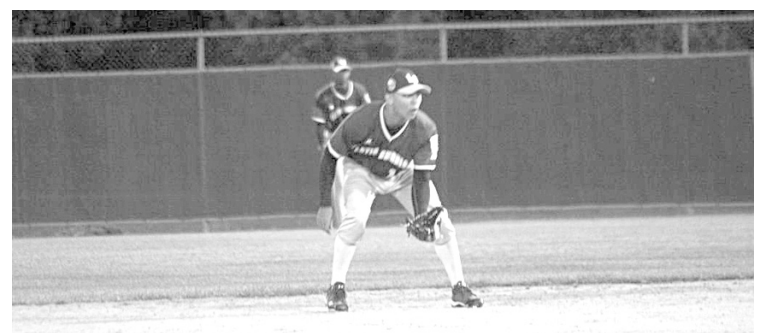
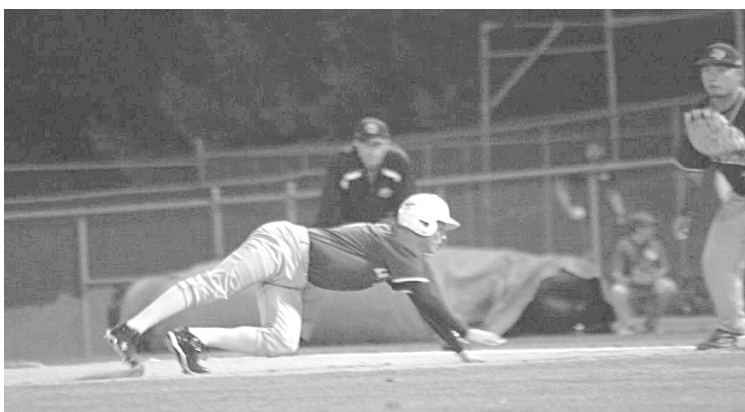
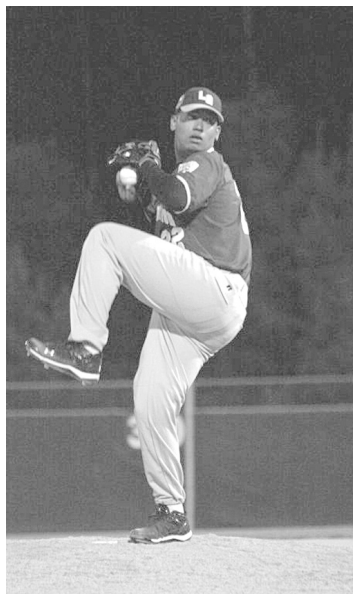
"They really did make some runs there," said Everette. "They caught us at the end of our pitch count

with Romandetti and we were maybe a little thin there and they had guys who put the bat on the ball," said Everette. "They played some small ball and it worked well for them."

Palm Bay jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first. Gouzman led off by singling up the middle on an 0-2 pitch and scoring when Tolle hit a one-out double to the left-center field gap.

Tolle scored when cleanup hitter Matt Rose pulled a double down the left-field line.

Romandetti retired the first six batters he faced until Gonzalez led off the Aruba third with a walk. Taveras sacrificed Gonzalez all the way to third base, and after Ray-Patrick Didder reached on a bunt single, Gonzalez scored on an errant throw as Didder was stealing second to cut the gap to 2-1. □





HUMAN HINTS

# Loss and The Now Moment

In the physical realm, we place a great deal of focus on endings and beginnings. When faced with loss, it is natural to forget that life is a circle. These are the most important times to remember that there is no beginning or ending to life. It is a continuous cycle of transformation.

We all exist in a Now moment, which is constantly transforming the future into the past. The Now Moment is literally the constant transformation of potential life (the future) into death (the past). The passing of Time can be thought of as a continuous birth/death

moment.

In ancient Chinese medicine, the Circle of Life is depicted as a progression and balance between five natural elements. The element Water represents both birth and death. Birth and Death represent the same point in the Circle of Life. A beginning and an ending are two sides of the same coin. In the realm of separation, there cannot be one without the other. Birth and Death are the same energy, at the same point in time.

When you are faced with loss, remember that there

cannot be an ending without a beginning of equal magnitude. The beginning often takes a while to show up, because we get stuck in the past and can't release old energy to make room for the new. The sooner we release the past, the sooner we become available to Infinite Potential.

Typically we wait for something new to come along before we release the past, but that is avoiding your self. When we let go of the past before something new comes along, we have a moment to reflect on where we've come and where we'd like to go. We can look at

ourselves and get a sense of how we've grown.

Infinite potential is always there, but when we release our past we become open to it. When we're not bogged down in the past, we are able to see the opportunities around us.

When we don't feel guilty, we have the courage to act on the opportunities we see.

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~**Quentin Danziger**

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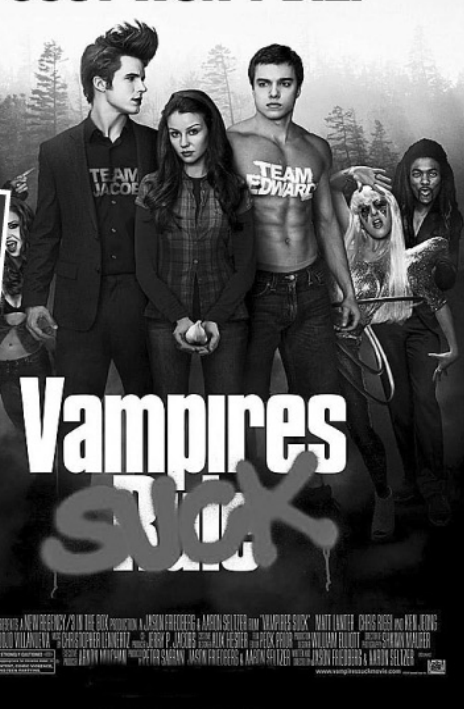


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~ Photos by Julia Renfro ~





# Aruba Marriott Associates Celebrate the 15th Birthday of the Resort



PALM BEACH – On August 18h, all associates of the three Aruba Marriott properties celebrated the 15th birthday of the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino. All associates were invited to a sumptuous lunch and dinner buffet in the Grand Ballroom. During the event memories were shared by a video presentation of charter team members (associates who

have been with the Marriott since the opening) and congratulation messages from the executive team, old colleagues and other Marriott resorts internationally. The Grand Ballroom was festively decorated with colorful

helium balloons and a fifteen tier cake as center piece. As final surprise, a large piñata shaped in the resort's logo "aloe" was displayed and made a few associates the lucky winners of grand prizes.



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# Scientists suggest fresh look at psychedelic drugs

By Kate Kelland

LONDON — Mind-altering drugs like LSD, ketamine or magic mushrooms could be combined with psychotherapy to treat people suffering from depression, compulsive disorders or chronic pain, Swiss scientists suggested on Wednesday.

Research into the effects of psychedelics, used in the past in psychiatry, has been restricted in recent decades because of the negative connotations of drugs, but the scientists said more studies into their clinical potential were now justified.

The researchers said recent brain imaging studies show that psychedelics such as lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), ketamine and psilocybin -- the psychoactive component in recreational drugs known as magic mushrooms -- act on the brain in ways that could help reduce symptoms of various psychiatric disorders.

The drugs could be used as a kind of catalyst, the scientists said, helping patients to alter their perception of problems or pain levels and then work with behavioral therapists or psychotherapists to tackle them in new ways.

“Psychedelics can give patients a new perspective

-- particularly when things like suppressed memories come up -- and then they can work with that experience,” said Franz Vollenweider of the Neuropsychopharmacology and brain imaging unit at Zurich’s University Hospital of Psychiatry, who published a paper on the issue in Nature Neuroscience journal.

Depending on the type of person taking the drug, the dose and the situation, psychedelics can have a wide range of effects, experts say, from feelings of boundlessness and bliss at one end of the spectrum to anxiety-inducing feelings of loss of control and panic at the other.

## LOW DOSES

Vollenweider and his colleague Michael Kometer, who also worked on the paper, said evidence from previous studies suggests such drugs might help ease mental health problems by acting on the brain circuits and neurotransmitter systems that are known to be altered in people with depression and anxiety.

But if doctors were to use them to treat psychiatric patients in future, it would be important to keep doses of the drugs low, and ensure they were given over a relatively short time period in combination

with therapy sessions, they said.

“The idea is that it would be very limited, maybe several sessions over a few months, not a long-term thing like other types of medication,” Vollenweider said in a phone interview.

A small study published by U.S. scientists this month found that an infusion of ketamine -- an anaesthetic used legally in both human and veterinary medicine, but also abused by people who use it recreationally -- can lift the mood within minutes in patients with severe bipolar depression.

Mental illnesses such as depression are a growing health problem around the world and Vollenweider and Kometer said many patients with severe or chronic psychiatric problems fail to respond to medicines like the widely-prescribed selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, or SSRIs, like Prozac or Paxil.

“These are serious, debilitating, life-shortening illnesses, and as the currently available treatments have high failure rates, psychedelics might offer alternative treatment strategies that could improve the well-being of patients and the associated economic burden on patients and society,” they wrote. □

## Obesity top threat to children’s health: poll

By Zachary Goelman

NEW YORK — Adults consider obesity the number one threat to children’s health in the United States and many believe the problem is getting worse, according to a new poll.

Almost 40 percent of adults cited obesity was the biggest threat to youngsters and teenagers, followed by drug abuse, smoking, Internet safety and stress.

“The message about the dangers of obesity and the prevalence of the disease among children has really gotten through to the American public,” said Dr. Matthew M. Davis, director of the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital National Poll.

“If we’d done this poll four years ago, obesity would not have been at the top of the list,” he said.

Obesity rates among children and teens in the United States skyrocketed in the last 30 years. A 2008 study by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta showed nearly one in five children aged six to 11 and 18.1 percent of 12 to 19 year olds were obese.

More surprising, Davis said, is the rise of stress as a prominent health concern for parents, which he attributes to a trickle-down effect as the economy wobbles, parents react and children feel the changes.

“Current economic conditions affect kids too,” he said. “Kids notice changes in family activities, patterns, gifts, sometimes something as basic as food,” he said. “This has really resonated around the country.”

Adults of different races and ethnicity rated the top three threats to children differently. Whites put obesity first, followed by drug abuse and smoking. For Hispanics drug abuse came first, obesity second and smoking third. Smoking was the main concern among blacks, followed by teen pregnancy and obesity.

The survey, conducted by polling company Knowledge Networks, Inc. for the university, surveyed 2,064 adults.

Davis said all the threats to children’s health are behavioral, rather than congenital. Bullying, teen pregnancy, abuse and neglect, alcohol, and not enough opportunities for physical activity rounded out the top 10 health concerns. □

## Smoking not tied to risk of early breast tumor

NEW YORK - Current and former smokers may have no higher risk of developing an early form of breast tumor after menopause than non-smokers do, a new study suggests.

Cigarette smoking has been clearly linked to increased risks of a number of cancers, including cancers of the lungs, colon, pancreas and bladder. But studies have yielded conflicting results as to whether smoking may boost a woman’s odds of developing breast cancer. The new study, published in the American Journal of Epidemiology, looked at the relationship between smoking and the risk of ductal carcinoma in-situ, or DCIS -- abnormal cells in the milk ducts of the breast that can progress to cancer that invades the breast tissue. If smokers have a higher risk of DCIS, the researchers reasoned, that could mean that tobacco exposure acts at the very early stages of breast cancer development.

However, the study found that among more than 63,000 postmenopausal women followed for eight years, smokers and former smokers were no more likely to be diagnosed with DCIS than women who had never smoked. The findings “provide little support” for a relationship between smoking and the risk of DCIS after menopause, write

the researchers, led by Dr. Geoffrey C. Kabat of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York.

The results come from an analysis of more than 63,000 U.S. women ages 50 to 79 who took part in the government-sponsored Women’s Health Initiative clinical trial, begun in the 1990s.

Over eight years, 486 women were newly diagnosed with DCIS. Of women who developed the condition, 4.5 percent were current smokers; among women who remained free of DCIS, 7 percent were current smokers. In both groups, about 42 percent of women were former smokers.

Overall, Kabat’s team found no differences in the risk of developing DCIS among former, current and non-smokers, when other factors -- like age, weight, education levels and self-reported exercise habits -- were taken into account. Nor could the researchers find a relationship between DCIS and the length of time a woman had smoked, how heavily she had smoked or the age at which she had started smoking. Given the “myriad” cancer-promoting chemicals in cigarette smoke, the lack of an association between smoking and DCIS -- and, in many studies, invasive breast cancer -- seems counterintuitive, Kabat and his colleagues write. □



# Magnetic mega-star challenges black hole theory



This picture made by Spitzer Space Telescope and released by Nasa on March 17 shows a young black hole. Astronomers say a neutron star with a mighty magnetic field has thrown down the gauntlet to theories about stellar evolution and the birth of black holes.

A neutron star with a mighty magnetic field has thrown down the gauntlet to theories about stellar evolution and the birth of black holes, astronomers reported on Wednesday. The “magnetar” lies in a cluster

of stars known as Westerlund 1, located 16,000 light years away in the constellation of Ara, the Altar.

Westerlund 1, discovered in 1961 by a Swedish astronomer, is a favoured observation site in stellar physics.

It is one of the biggest cluster of superstars in the Milky Way, comprising hundreds of very massive stars, some shining with a brilliance of almost a million Suns and some two thousand times the Sun’s diameter.

The cluster is also, by the standards of the Universe, very young. The stars were all born from a single event just three and a half to five million years ago.

Within Westerlund 1 is the remains of one of galaxy’s few magnetars -- a particular kind of neutron star, formed from the explosion of a supernova, that can exert a magnetic field a million, billion times strong than Earth’s.

The Westerlund star which eventually became the magnetar must have been at least 40 times the mass of the Sun, according to the study, which appears in the

research journal *Astronomy and Astrophysics*.

If so, intriguing questions are raised.

The mainstream assumption is that stars of between 10 and 25 solar masses go on to form neutron stars. But those above 25 solar masses produce black holes -- the light-gobbling gravitational monsters that are formed when a massive, dying star collapses in on itself.

In that case, the magnetar’s mother should have become a black hole because it was so big.

But another alternative, say the authors, is that the star “slimmed” to a lower mass, enabling it to become a neutron star.

How did this happen?

The answer, says the paper, could lie in a binary system: the star that became the magnetar was born with a stellar companion.

As the stars evolved, they began to interact, and the companion star, like a demonic twin, began to steal mass from the progenitor star.

Eventually the progenitor exploded, becoming a supernova. The binary connection was sundered by the blast and both stars were ejected from the cluster, leaving just glowing remnants which are the magnetar, according to this theory.

“If this is the case, it suggests that binary systems might play a key role in stellar evolution,” said Simon Clark, who led the team, using the European Southern Observatory’s Very Large Telescope in Paranal, Chile, to make the observations.

A binary system could be “the ultimate cosmic ‘diet plan’ for heavyweight stars, which shifts over 95 percent of their initial mass,” he said. □

## Bad bumps to head could kill years later: U.S. study

WASHINGTON - Scientists reported on Tuesday they have some of the best evidence yet to support long-held theories that repeated blows to the head may cause nerve-degenerative diseases like Lou Gehrig’s disease and Alzheimer’s.

Autopsies of 12 athletes who died with brain or neurological disease showed a distinctive pattern of nerve damage -- and fingered some potential culprits. All had repeated concussions during their careers. Three of the men had been diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as ALS or Lou Gehrig’s disease, the star baseball player who died of it.

Experts in brain injury said the study, published in the *Journal of Neuropathology & Experimental Neurology*, pointed to new areas of research and possible ways to prevent long-term damage from concussions. “If you could somehow give a person a drug, you could potentially prevent an illness like amyotrophic lateral sclerosis,” Dr. Jeffrey Bazarian of the University of Rochester Medical Center in New York said in a telephone interview.

The findings also point to an urgent need to watch veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, many of whom suffer brain injuries from explosions, accidents and blows to the head from

other causes, the experts said.

“This is the first pathological evidence that repetitive head trauma experienced in collision sports might be associated with the development of a motor neuron disease,” Dr. Ann McKee of Boston University School of Medicine and colleagues wrote in the report, available at <http://link.reuters.com/fab65n>.

McKee’s team studied the donated brain and spinal cords of 11 professional football players or boxers and one hockey player. All had a newly characterized disease called chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE, in which dementia set in years after repeated concussions.

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Three of the men also were diagnosed with ALS, a member of a family of diseases called motor neuron disease, which cause progressively worse paralysis.

The researchers looked specifically for a protein called TDP-43. They found it in the brain and in the spinal cords of the men -- which could explain the ALS-like symptoms.

Scientists know that damaging one nerve can sometimes set off a cascade of other nerves dying, for reasons that remain poorly understood. TDP-43 could be involved.

Bazarian, who was on an Institute of

Medicine Committee that released a report in 2008 linking concussions to later-life neurologic diseases, said the finding could help explain studies that show Iraq war veterans have a higher-than-normal rate of ALS, for example.

Drugs including the hormone progesterone, monoclonal antibodies and the antibiotic minocycline are being studied to see if they can stop the process of nerve destruction that follows injuries such as a blow to the head or stroke.

The findings will be difficult to substantiate because ALS is so rare, said ALS expert Martina Wiedau-Pazos of the University of California Los Angeles.

“We think there already are different forms of ALS,” she said -- potentially with different causes.

David Hovda, director of the UCLA Traumatic Brain Injury Research Center, said brain injury is very common with 1.5 million cases in the United States alone each year.

“Whether by itself in isolation it causes ALS, I do not think that this paper proves that. What I think it does is raise worries that individuals who had a career of exposure to repeat concussions ... have a greater likelihood of developing motor neuron disease,” he said. □

## Rare double quake blamed for South Pacific tsunami

By ALICIA CHANG,  
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES – The deadly tsunami that pounded several South Pacific islands last year was spawned by not one but two monstrous earthquakes, surprising new research reveals.

Initially, it was thought that a single powerful magnitude-8.1 jolt triggered the tsunami last September 29 that killed nearly 200 people in Samoa, American Samoa and Tonga.

Two teams using different research techniques have now separately concluded that the disaster was the result of a rare double whammy — two so-called great earthquakes with magnitudes greater than 8 — that hit within minutes of each other.

What’s notable, they say, was that the quakes occurred along separate fault lines and ruptured differently.

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Although the researchers differed on which struck first, their discovery of a one-two seismic punch solves a mystery that has baffled scientists since the disaster. The findings are published in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

When the South Pacific sea floor rumbled last year, scientists initially blamed it on a "outer rise" earthquake of magnitude-8.1 caused by the flexing and bending of the Pacific tectonic plate. But tsunami waves did not arrive at the predicted times and the aftershocks did not cluster around the main quake — as they normally would — suggesting that something more complicated was at play.

Using GPS data and deep-ocean tsunami wave observations, a group led by geophysicist John Beavan of the New Zealand geological agency GNS Science determined that the tsunami was actually generated by two powerful quakes — the magnitude-8.1 "outer rise" quake and a magnitude-8 "megathrust" jolt caused by the diving of one plate under another.

While Beavan's group is not sure which hit first, a separate team led by Thorne Lay of the University of California, Santa Cruz, concluded the magnitude-8.1 quake unleashed the megathrust jolt. Normally, megathrust quakes trigger other jolts. Ground vibrations from the first were so strong that they masked the energy released by the second quake.

The second tremor "does show up clearly on seismic records, but only once you look very hard," Lay said. Scientists not involved in the latest research said the findings shed light on what happened in the South Pacific, but more work is needed.

"It is difficult to say how typical this behavior is in the region," said U.S. Geological Survey geophysicist Paul Earle. That's because there's a long time between earthquakes and modern instruments weren't available for previous massive earthquakes, he said. □

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# The Media and the Mega-Mosque

**L. Brent Bozell**

It was deceptive. At a White House dinner with Muslims celebrating Ramadan, Barack Obama finally weighed in on the Ground Zero mosque controversy. Incredibly, he lectured Americans about the religious freedom of Muslims “that includes the right to build a place of worship and a community center on private property in Lower Manhattan.”

Those were prepared remarks, a clear and very deliberate effort to skirt the issue. But this time, it was blatantly sophomoric, too.

Of course, there is a legal “right.” That doesn’t make it the right thing to do. After causing an instant national uproar, Obama saw the need to flinch.

The next day, he suddenly announced to CNN that “I was not commenting and I will not comment on the wisdom of making the decision to put a mosque there.”

So much for presidential leadership. Once again, Barack Obama is no profile in courage. As he did hundreds of times as a legislator, he was voting “present” again. He made a radical declaration to appeal to a radical constituency and then pretended he’d not taken that position. I’m getting deja vu from his vote in Illinois for the radical policy of aborting infants who were accidentally born alive — but then, running for president, he declared the issue of when life begins “above my pay grade.”

Polls found almost 70 percent of the nation was appalled by the audacity of a mega-mosque proposal two blocks from the crime scene of 9/11. Obama’s political fortunes are in serious

jeopardy. His left-wing supporters in the “news” media are rallying to his defense.

On ABC’s “This Week,” Washington Post columnist David Ignatius hailed Obama’s remarks. “I thought the speech Friday night was a model of political courage, in the sense that he said what he believed knowing that it was going to cost him,” he said. “When I travel ... we hear comments about that America a lot. I think you shouldn’t minimize the benefits of saying to a moderate Muslim, ‘Here you are.’ This upsets a lot of Americans, but we’re going to do it anyway.”

Reuters global editor-at-large Chrystia Freeland, a deeply devoted Obama groupie, seconded that emotion, saying Americans want “someone who governs according to conviction,” as if Obama hadn’t tried to shirk that title. “For American leaders to say in the face of, you know, some political pressure from their voters, to say actually we believe sufficiently strongly in diversity, in private property rights for our Muslim citizens, I think that’s a great global message.”

Left unsaid: George W. Bush often governed according to conviction and against the polls. But the liberals never found that admirable. In 2007, Ignatius wrote that the surge in Iraq was preposterous: “What’s starting to crack isn’t the obdurate Bush, but the country.”

History wasn’t the point. Like Obama, the media aren’t looking back at the horrific violence of 9/11.

They are much more comfortable projecting the violence that might occur from conservative resistance to the mosque proposal. On ABC’s

“Good Morning America,” reporter Dan Harris touted that “Muslim activists” decried a “rising tide of Islamophobia in the country, with increasingly venomous fights” over mosque construction.

That night, Harris repeated that spin: “Muslim activists say angry rhetoric is fueling a dangerous level of Islamophobia, with protests over proposed mosques in places like Tennessee and Wisconsin, the bombing of a mosque in Jacksonville, Fla., in May, and a church in Gainesville, Fla., that’s now planning to burn Korans on Sept. 11.”

Historical analogies were strained. On ABC, Rep. Keith Ellison, D-Minn., compared the mosque-builders to the Pilgrims, just seeking religious freedom. Not to be outdone, on MSNBC, Keith Olbermann compared mosque opponents to the Nazis, in particular, the old Martin Niemoller line about “They came for the communists, but I was not a communist...” Somehow, Newt Gingrich and Sarah Palin were coming to send Muslims to concentration camps.

Olbermann tried to acknowledge he wasn’t trying to compare a Manhattan zoning battle to the Holocaust, but that conservatives were “building up a collective pool of ... fear and hate” and “the need to purge” could outstrip “the parameters of the original scapegoating.” Forget it. He was definitely using the Nazi smear.

Once again, the media have demonstrated that they feel their job is galloping to the rescue of Barack Obama, no matter how low he sinks in the polls — or how low they sink in the ratings advancing politically noxious positions. □

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# Perú: Estadounidense Lori Berenson se entrega a la policía

LIMA (AP) - La estadounidense Lori Berenson se entregó a la policía el miércoles, luego que una corte ordenara su captura y reclusión nuevamente en la cárcel, al anular un fallo judicial que le otorgó la libertad condicional tras cumplir 15 años en prisión por colaboración con el terrorismo.

Berenson, quien tiene un hijo de 15 meses con el que volverá a la prisión, se puso a disposición de la policía judicial en el interior de la embajada de Estados Unidos, donde se encontraba realizando trámites consulares cuando conoció la decisión de la corte. Los agentes peruanos llegaron hasta la embajada para recogerla, según precisó el agregado de prensa de la sede diplomática James Fennell.

“Lo único que les puedo decir es que Lori Berenson no ha fugado del país... aún estando en desacuerdo con la resolución de la sala, se ha puesto a derecho”, informó a la prensa su abogado y esposo Aníbal Apari.

“Ella está tranquila, ella es una mujer muy fuerte... Ella va retornar a la cárcel con su bebé”, agregó. El arresto de Berenson, de 40 años, tiene lugar dos días después que en una audiencia judicial ante la Sala Penal Nacional ella pidiera que se le ratifique la libertad condicional, afirmando que estaba arrepentida y que no representaba un peligro para la sociedad. Expresó que solo aspiraba a llevar una vida



Escortada por agentes de la policía, la estadounidense Lori Berenson, izquierda, llevando a su hijo Salvador, de 15 meses. Llegan al Palacio de Justicia en Lima, Perú, el miércoles 18 de agosto de 2010.

normal y dedicarse a la crianza de su hijo Salvador.

Berenson fue excarcelada a fines de mayo, luego que la jueza Jessica León consideró que se encontraba apta para reintegrarse en la sociedad, y que podía cumplir los cinco años que le quedaban de condena en libertad condicional.

Pero la Sala Penal Nacional, tras escuchar el lunes la argumentación del procurador antiterrorismo, Julio Galindo, anuló el miércoles el fallo de

León, debido a que la defensa no cumplió con informar oportunamente a la policía sobre el domicilio que tendría Berenson estando en libertad.

En la misma audiencia, Galindo pidió que se le revoque el beneficio, alegando que no se había contabilizado correctamente los años de cárcel

purgados por Berenson.

En entrevista con la emisora Radioprogramas, Galindo explicó el miércoles que la Sala no había revocado la libertad condicional de Berenson, sino anulado el fallo judicial de León hasta que se subsane el error de no haber notificado el domicilio a la policía.

Indicó que la jueza deberá emitir un nuevo pronunciamiento respecto de Berenson una vez corregido el error y estimó que ello podría tomar dos meses.

Respecto del tema de la incorrecta contabilización de los años de cárcel de Berenson, Galindo sostuvo que ella seguirá cumpliendo su condena en la cárcel “hasta que en definitiva el poder judicial se pronuncie sobre la procedencia o la improcedencia del beneficio de liberación condicional que ella ha solicitado”. El viceministro de Justicia Luis Marill dijo que hay una “probabilidad” de que la jueza León vuelva a liberar a Berenson, “pero eso va a depender mucho de los esfuerzos de la procuraduría, los informes de la policía y eventualmente también de la actuación del ministerio público”. Berenson fue acusada en 1995 de colaborar con el Movimiento Revolucionario Túpac Amaru (MRTA) en sus planes de tomar el edificio del congreso. Fue condenada por un tribunal militar a cadena perpetua en 1996, pero tras revisar su caso una corte civil le impuso en el 2001 una sentencia de 20 años de cárcel. Su liberación, el 27 de mayo pasado, despertó un fuerte rechazo de la sociedad peruana. □

## Policía chilena impide protesta estudiantil

SANTIAGO DE CHILE (AP) - Unos 2.000 estudiantes que intentaban manifestarse y marchar por el centro capitalino en protesta con el sistema educacional del gobierno, fueron dispersados y reprimidos por la policía antimotines.

La protesta fue convocada por dirigentes universitarios y secundarios para expresar su disconformidad con el actual gobierno derechista. Pero gran cantidad de policías antimotines les impidió la marcha y los dispersó con gases lacrimógenos y carros lanzaagua, y fueron detenidos unos 15 jóvenes.

Julio Sarmiento, presidente de la federación de estudiantes de la Universidad de Chile, la principal del país, informó a la prensa que pretendían con su protesta “frenar las políticas privatizadoras del ministerio de Educación, porque han impulsado una serie de propuestas que a juicio nuestro implican una privatización encubierta y significativa de la educación pública en sus niveles básico, medio y universitario”. Sarmiento fue uno de los detenidos en la protesta. □

## Ecuador: homosexuales, bisexuales, transgénero critican a Correa

QUITO (AP) - Las comunidades de homosexuales, bisexuales y transgénero acusaron el miércoles al presidente Rafael Correa de dar un discurso que “alimenta prejuicios” y causa la exclusión de esos grupos.

Una carta difundida por internet por los dirigentes de Gays, Lesbianas, Transgeneros y Bisexuales (GLTB), señala que “creemos que su discurso sigue alimentando ese prejuicio que antaño nos excluyó, nos marginó, e incluso permitió que se nos asesine socialmente y físicamente”. En su informe anual de labores, el 10 de agosto, Correa dijo que está satisfecho de que previsiones “mentirosas” de la oposición no se cumplieron, como “los matrimonios gays”.

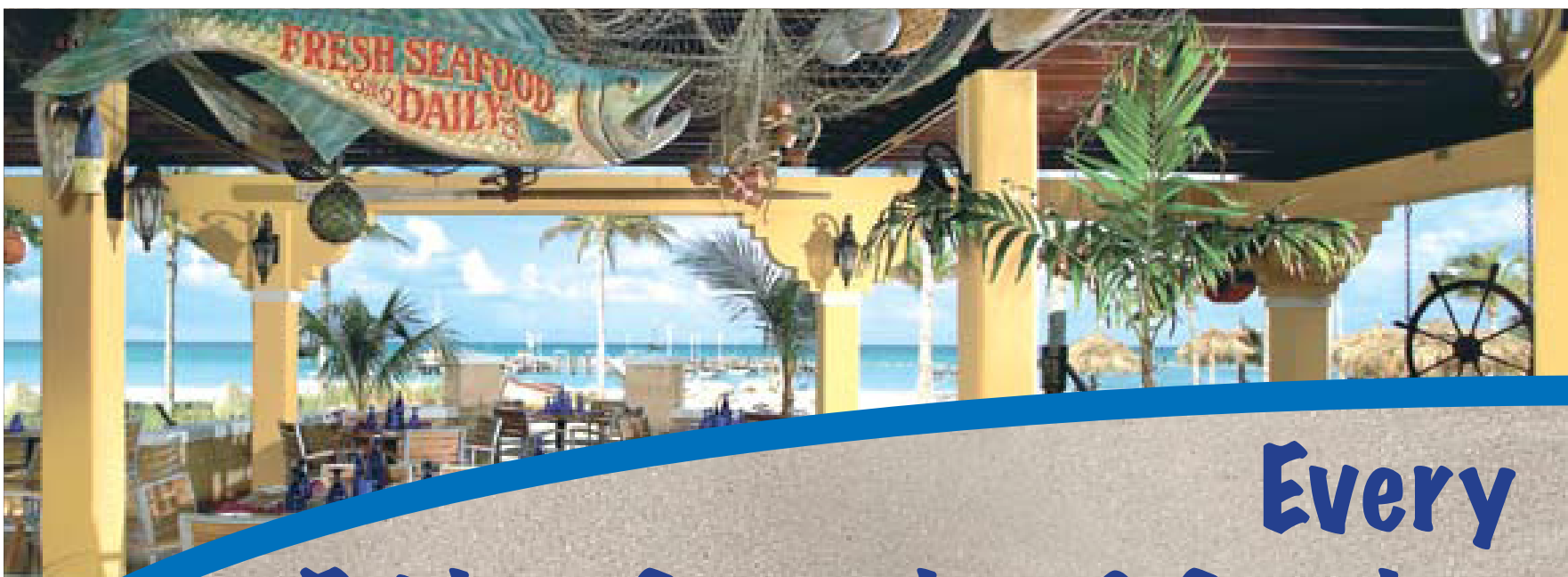
La misiva señaló que les “preocupa el énfasis de su discurso respecto de encontrar satisfacción (¿?) de que en Ecuador no se

hayan producido matrimonios gays, --o de personas del mismo sexo, para ser más correctos en los términos-- o que de que los gays -y lesbianas-- no anden casándose”.

“Sorprende ahora el acento de sus recientes discursos” debido a que su gobierno “apoya la causa” de los homosexuales, bisexuales y transgénero del país, señaló el comunicado. “Reconocemos los logros y cambios que su gestión tenido”, agrega la carta.

Uno de los mayores logros del gobierno de Correa, en esta área, es que la constitución vigente desde el 2008 acepta la unión legal entre dos personas, sin importar su sexo, que tienen los mismos derechos y obligaciones del matrimonio convencional. La misma información aclaró que 14 parejas de homosexuales han legalizado su relación de pareja ante las autoridades civiles desde el 2008. □





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